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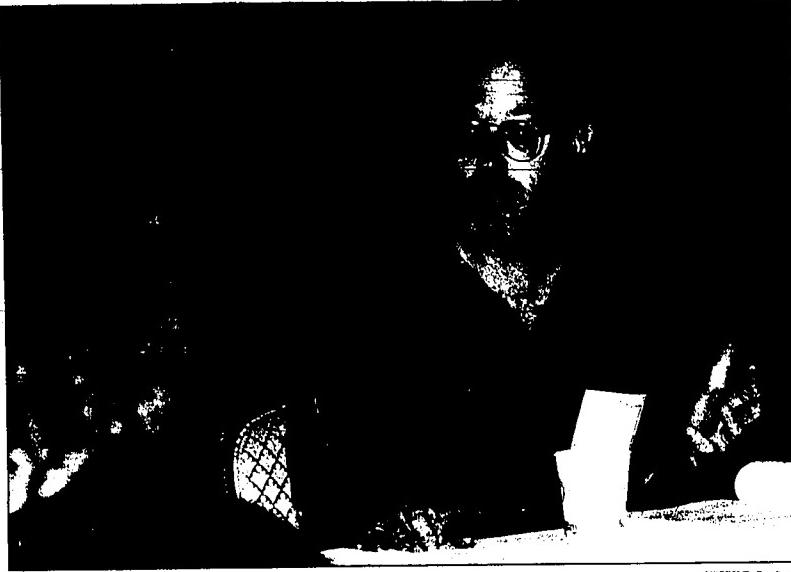
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AIDS in the West



Problems facing travelers with HIV/AIDS was one of the areas discussed by Dr. Harry Hollander, a professor of clinical medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, during this weekend's conference at the Sun Valley Convention Center.

DAN FIELDS/The Times-News

Physicians hear appeals to confront disease

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

Idaho was the first western state to report HIV/AIDS case, which has increased in two decades to some 1,000, virtually all of them Caucasian.

cy syndrome, which results in a variety of infections, some forms of cancer and other diseases) is confined to minority populations in poor, urban neighborhoods.

In fact, as noted by Sarah Allen, a registered nurse who monitors HIV/AIDS for the state Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho was the first western state to report an HIV/AIDS case, which has increased in two

decades to some 1,000, virtually all of them Caucasian.

She said of Idaho's total HIV/AIDS cases, less than 25 are African Americans, and about five are Native Americans. The remainder are white, some 300-400 of them in the Boise and Ada County areas. She said five to 15 new cases a year are being reported in rural areas of the state.

To encourage victims to step forward for treatment, Ms. Allen said Idaho, like other states, observes ground rules of confidentiality with patients, and protects HIV/AIDS victims by listing them as statistics from health districts rather than specific communities. This, she said, encourages more victims to step forward for treatment.

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HIV/AIDS statistics can be surprising.

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — To dramatically illustrate how HIV/AIDS has struck the rural West, Dr. Kirsten Ries provided some gripping statistics about Utah, a state renowned for moral family values championed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, whose world headquarters are in Salt Lake City.

A professor of medicine at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City who pioneered tracking of HIV/AIDS cases in Utah in the mid-1980s, Ries said, "Utah has the lowest rate of new HIV/AIDS cases in the country."

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Governor paints dire fire situation picture

Clinton will visit Idaho troops Tuesday

The Associated Press

Soldiers dig in - A10

"The president wanted to just let the firefighters know how much the country appreciates what they are doing," Lockhart said.

Meanwhile, a Marine battalion arrived in Idaho to do battle with the nation's largest wildfire, the 102,000-acre Clear Creek blaze chewing up large expanses of rugged mountain slopes near the Montana border.

And U.S. Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck said a second battalion of about 500 Army troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will undergo firefighting training and join 500 soldiers from that base in Idaho and the 600 Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Clinton will be in Boise on Tuesday to get a briefing on the status of firefighting efforts, White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. Clinton also is slated to make a second stop closer to the front lines of a fire in Idaho, where he will meet some of the troops sent in to relieve exhausted civilian firefighters.

The Burgdorf Junction Fire in west-central Idaho made a significant run Friday, growing from 17,000 to 22,000 acres as Kempthorne flew over the



Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, wait to enter the Payette National Forest near Burgdorf Junction, Friday.

Payette National Forest to see it at close range.

"You see flames and how fast the smoke comes up. Suddenly you are without vision as the

winds begin to swirl," Kempthorne said, describing his view from a military Blackhawk helicopter.

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What it takes to be great: Psychologists list attributes of successful presidents

The Associated Press

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cluded. But when it comes to ranking the great national leaders, "disagreeable presidents do somewhat better."

"Being straightforward is not good in terms of a president," achieving greatness, but concern for other is, Steven J. Rubenzer of Houston told a session of the

"Agreeableness is highly desirable in a neighbor or spouse," the researchers con-

American Psychological Association on Saturday.

"Presidents who are not straightforward use a variety of tactics to persuade people and achieve their ends — LBJ and FDR being prime examples," the researchers said in a paper they presented.

"They are not above tricking, cajoling, bullying, or lying if necessary. They are politicians playing the right tune to each

crowd."

Rubenzer described the research, which he conducted with Thomas J. Faschingbauer of Richmond, Texas and Deniz S. Ones of the University of Minnesota.

The three consulted with 115 presidential historians who helped rate the nation's 41 presidents on a complex, 900-question psychological scale.

The personality profiles were

then compared with various ratings of the nation's best and worst presidents. Special attention was given to ten of the best.

— George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

The psychologists found that the best performers could learn as they went along.

"Openness to experience produced the highest correlation

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THE REGION**Camas Prairie**

High: 90 Low: 55
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs in the lower 90s.

Treasure Valley

High: 94 Low: 61
Sunny with light winds. Sunny on Monday with highs near 100.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 83 Low: 45
Mostly sunny today and clear, tonight. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 80s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 87 Low: 51
Mostly sunny, with southwest winds 15-20 mph. Mostly sunny on Monday with highs in the 90s.

Northern Idaho

High: 96 Low: 63
Sunny and warm and clear tonight. Partly cloudy and warm on Monday with highs in the 90s.

Northern Utah

High: 93 Low: 62
Mostly sunny with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Mostly sunny on Monday.

Northern Nevada

High: 92 Low: 58
Sunny, with west winds around 10 mph. A slight chance of showers.

Presidents

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with historian ratings of greatness," they said, noting that Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson excelled in this category. Low scorers included William Howard Taft and Ulysses S. Grant.

Being an extrovert also was a trait strongly associated with greatness, as well as assertiveness.

High-assertiveness successes included Theodore Roosevelt and Andrew Jackson, while Calvin Coolidge and Warren G. Harding were lacking in this area.

Constant striving for achievement was another strong predictor of greatness, they said. "Presidents who succeed set ambitious goals for themselves and move heaven and earth to meet them." Teddy Roosevelt was such a man, Grant and Harding were not.

The researchers concluded that successful presidents exceled good judgment and were broadly capable, like Dwight Eisenhower and Washington.

Being a bit disorganized, like Lincoln, was also an asset. Tidiness was not.

Being agreeable did not fit in with greatness. But "tender-mindedness," defined as concerned for others, did.

The three psychologists concluded that "great presidents are not cooperative and easily led. Warren Harding was and it was his downfall."

In their general personality groupings the researchers placed Harding in a class called the "innocents," with Taft and Grant.

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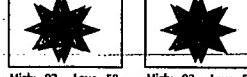
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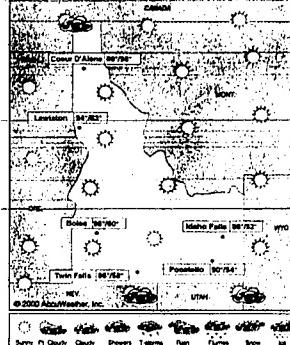
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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST**Today****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Idaho weather**

Sunday, Aug. 6

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures.

**UV INDEX**

Index: 8

(high)

Burn time:

15 minutes

FIRE DANGER

The BLM's fire danger in

South-Central Idaho is:

Mountain: High

Prairie: High

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:52 p.m.

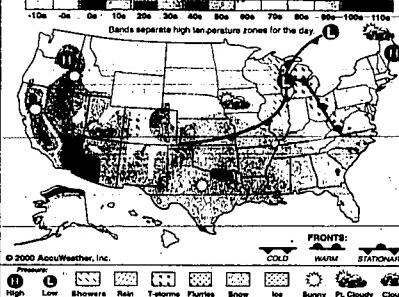
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:36 a.m.

Lunar phases: First quarter, Aug. 7; full, Aug. 15; last quarter, Aug. 22; new, Aug. 29.

Via Associated Press

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, Aug. 6.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: A storm system moved across the upper Midwest on Saturday with strong winds and occasional hail and heavy rain. Parts of central South Dakota reported hail more than 4 inches in diameter and 70 mph wind gusts that knocked down trees.

A low-pressure system in the upper Mississippi Valley and western Lake Erie region brought thunderstorms to Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, as well as southern Ohio.

The Northeast was fair and dry, while in the Southeast, thunderstorms spread across parts of Florida.

The West was mostly calm Saturday, although storms were developing across the Rocky Mountains. In the Southwest, temperatures soared well into the 100s by early afternoon. Temperatures were in the 80s and 90s across much of the western United States.

Temperatures in the Lower 48 states ranged from 90 degrees in the West, to 32 degrees, in Alaska. With the humidity, the heat index felt like 107 in Keesler, Miss. Mitchell, S.D., reported 2.96 inches of rain and wind gusts of 60 mph.

— The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER**Twin Falls****Precipitation**

Yesterday	90	58	Yesterday in Twin Falls .00
Last year	92	57	Month to date: .13
Normal	91	52	Normal mo. to date: .06
			Water year to date: 5.61
			Normal year to date: 9.34

Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp
Bolse	.55	tr.
Burley	.91	tr.
Coeur d'Alene	.91	.52
Grangeville	m	m
Hagerman	m	m
Idaho Falls	.88	.28
Lewiston	.96	m
Malad	m	m
Malta	.90	tr.
McCall	.81	.42
Pocatello	.92	m
Salmon	.86	.44
Stanley	.78	.40
Sun Valley	m	m

Idaho: High: 100 degrees at Lowell, 40 degrees at Stanley.

Low: 50 degrees at McCall, 121 at Malad, 100 at Payette City, Ariz. Low: 40 at Stanley.

Comfort factors: Heat index: 100; relative humidity: 60%; pollen and mold counts: 100; wind speeds: 10 mph; dew point: 60°; visibility: 10 miles; cheyenne, nettle, pine, others: Mold: 4,520, high winds, dry ground, asthma & allergy: 100%.

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Elmer DeLucia, left, and his brother Augustine DeLucia place a white cloth over the casket of their brother, U.S. Air Corps Staff Sgt. Anthony 'Bib' DeLucia Saturday in St. Bernard Catholic Church in Bradford, Pa.

Brothers have final reunion – 56 years after World War II death

BRADFORD, Pa. (AP) – It had been 58 years since Elmer DeLucia's last moment alone with his brother, and he did not want this one to go by too quickly.

When everyone else drifted away Saturday from the grave site of Staff Sgt. Anthony "Bib" DeLucia, Elmer DeLucia stood silent and motionless, watching as his brother's remains were lowered into the ground.

He had never expected to see his brother again.

On Aug. 31, 1944, Anthony DeLucia's B-24 crashed into a mountainside after bombing runs on Japanese ships near what is now Taiwan. The remains of the 10-member crew remained on the mountain for half a century, until 1998, the airmen were declared killed in action.

Back in America, DeLucia's mother, never gave up hope that her son was alive. But by the time she died in 1968, Elmer DeLucia was certain his older brother was dead; his remains

last forever.

Then, in 1996, Chinese farmers searching for herbs found the plane's wreckage on 7,000-foot Kitten Mountain in China's Guangxi Province.

It has taken since then for the Department of Defense to identify each of the dead and return their remains to their families.

Six of the other nine airmen will be buried Aug. 21 at Arlington National Cemetery. Families of the three others are burying them privately.

Keeping a promise made to his mother before her death, Elmer DeLucia laid his brother to rest Saturday at the family's hillside plot in a cemetery near the church where the DeLucia boys were born.

Military honors at the service included the presentation of a Purple Heart and an American flag to Elmer DeLucia and another surviving brother, Augie DeLucia, both of whom received Purple Hearts in World War II

for their service.

About 600 people turned out in Bradford, about 220 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, as a hearse carried DeLucia's casket past factories and shops. A sign outside a hotel read "Welcome Home Bib DeLucia – War Hero" and 25 servicemen, some young and others long retired, lined up

to salute.

The funeral reminded Stanley Black, a 66-year-old Air Force veteran who flew in Vietnam, of his own friends killed in combat.

"They were all like Bib," he said. "They were all doing what they had to do."

The last time Elmer DeLucia saw his older brother was in 1942, when DeLucia came to the end of a furlough while a broken leg mendicant.

A friend had his brother give him a watch and a few final words.

"Bib said, 'I know you don't graduate for another year, but I don't know when I'll see you again,'" Elmer DeLucia said.

Policeman faces charges of killing disabled man

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) – Shannon Smith drove off from a service station without paying for a tank of gas, something the mentally disabled man had done on other occasions.

In the past, he usually returned to pay for the fuel. But this time, on July 24, police gave chase. Hours later, the 27-year-old Smith was dead, shot in the back as he sat behind the wheel

of his car, boxed in by police vehicles.

Now prosecutors say the part-time policeman who killed Smith went beyond the bounds of justifiable use of force, Officer Jeffrey Gabor, 23, was charged Thursday with first- and second-degree murder and ordered held on \$500,000 bond.

"This is just such a tragedy from beginning to end, and it's

hurt a lot of people," said Judy Widman, assistant manager at the gas station in Chenoa, where the incident began.

"It's still hurting a lot of people."

Widman said Friday she isn't sure whether the charge against Gabor is justified because she doesn't understand exactly what happened – and in that she isn't alone.

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N.Y. officials confirm first case of virus

NEW YORK (AP) – Health officials have confirmed the country's first human case this year of the West Nile virus, which killed seven people last summer and has had cities in the Northeast spraying for mosquitoes.

A 78-year-old New York City man infected with the virus was recovering at home this weekend, health officials said.

The virus, transmitted to humans by mosquitoes, was first detected in the Western Hemisphere last year.

An aggressive pesticide-spraying campaign has helped keep West Nile at bay this year, but it has been found in birds and mosquitoes as far north as Boston, and authorities expect it to continue to spread.

Steven M. Ostroff, West Nile virus coordinator for the federal government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the next several weeks – when more quakes are out in the greatest numbers – would be a critical period.

"You're not entirely out of the woods until we get the first frost," he said.

The man treated for the virus became ill July 20 with fever, dizziness and lightheadedness. City Health Commissioner Dr. Neil Cohen said, He was hospitalized for a week.

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 early 1980s, Dr. Ries told the 150 physicians and clinicians at the "Medical Management of HIV/AIDS" symposium that 159 of Utah's current 2,487 HIV/AIDS patients were active members of the state where professional care is spotty, if not non-existent.

Ries said out of Utah's 2,487 cases, 65 percent involved male relationships, compared to 48 percent for the national average. A slightly lower percentage of Utah AIDS patients (18 percent) were injecting drugs, while nationally, 26 percent were reported to have acquired AIDS through injecting drugs.

Utah's percentages also skew higher in other categories compared to the national average, Dr. Ries reported to the group. For example, in Utah, 91 percent of AIDS cases reported since

1983 involve males, whereas nationally the average is 83 percent. Also, 10 percent of the cases involve children with hemophilia and 14 percent acquired the disease from transfusions — compared to three and four percent respectively for the nation as a whole on average.

Although financial support has been slow and difficult to generate for treatment of HIV/AIDS patients in rural areas, Dr. Ries has developed a program of what she calls "visiting clinics" — she and other clinicians going to rural areas to treat patients. Dr. Ries said the conservative atmosphere in Utah and the stigma attached to

HIV/AIDS makes it difficult for some victims of the disease to seek treatment. But she said that is slow disappearing, as local support groups involving HIV/AIDS

victims — even in small towns — are being formed and families are openly discussing the disease.

This brought a response from another specialist in the field, Dr. Andrew Pavis, director for clinical research at the University of Utah AIDS Center.

"Many of these patients don't fit the preconceived profile of AIDS patients," Pavis said, adding that AIDS can hit anyone anywhere.

Dr. Ries said that despite improved medication and improved medical knowledge about AIDS, without proper treatment, the disease is deadly. She cited several factors as debilitating to the health of AIDS patients, including a feeling of hopelessness, lack of family support, depression and lack of motivation in taking medication.

requested anonymity because of the stigma of the disease that might affect his children with their friends.

Speakers agreed that the greatest myth about HIV/AIDS is that it is a disease largely confined to homosexuals. The disease now spreads more rapidly among heterosexuals, especially women and adolescents.

Dr. Meg Newman, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of California (San Francisco) School of Medicine, pointed out that many women who are falling victim to the disease acquire it from male partners.

The global perspective of HIV/AIDS was provided by Dr. Harold Jaffee, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga. Worldwide, 33.6 million people have the disease; 90 percent of them are in Africa

or Southeast Asia and 3 percent are in North America; 15,000 new HIV cases are reported daily, 40 percent in women and mostly in developing nations; and 2.6 million people die each year.

Amid the grim news, however, some good news is being reported. Dr. Newman said in an interview that improved medications have made simpler treatment regimens for victims as well as optimistic management of the

disease. She said that with proper and prompt medication and ongoing treatment, HIV/AIDS victims can expect to survive the disease, much as diabetics can survive if properly treated.

But the outcome in places such as Africa is not as bright, she said, because of costs of medication as well as the lack of professional treatment.

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Philadelphia police deny the accusations and say they have treated the nearly 400 protesters arrested during the Republican National Convention fairly. Civil rights attorneys who visited the detention center said they found no evidence to confirm abuse.

However, dozens of protesters told similar stories after their releases beginning Thursday afternoon. Some younger activists appeared visibly shaken while even veteran protesters sounded weary and worried.

"I reacted by just collapsing in fright," said longtime activist Paul Davis of Philadelphia ACT UP, the nation's largest chapter of the AIDS advocacy group.

In a related matter, police say the leaders of several prominent protest training groups orchestrated property damage and violence during the convention and in other cities around the country.



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NATION

Despite criticism GOP tries to woo minorities

The Philadelphia Inquirer

On the last evening of the Republican National Convention, before George W. Bush stood at the podium and hailed the start of "un nuevo dia," his uncle, George W. Bush spoke the words, "We shall overcome," the party dotted the "i" in its message of inclusion with a press conference by black Republicans.

More than 40 delegates and lawmakers crowded onto a platform, while a woman handed out copies of a new magazine, The Black Pachyderm.

"We're going to aim high," said U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Ola, "I feel like I will not be the only African American Republican in the House of Representatives to come November."

Watts' solitary role in Congress is one of many facts that contrast with the televised event — in which nearly every other face on the convention stage was one of color. A Latino lawmaker gave a whole speech in Spanish. African American gospel singers swayed onstage, scarves echoing the patterns of Afrote cloth. Other minorities were paraded 'round — including openly gay Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., who appeared at the podium to talk trade.

At the same time, according to an Associated Press survey, fewer than 1 percent of delegates identified themselves as black and only about 3 percent as Hispanic. The sea of faces in the hall was overwhelmingly white.

Now, with the convention over, the question remains whether its scripted diversity had deeper meaning, whether it



Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., the GOP's only openly gay member in Congress, speaks Tuesday at the convention in Philadelphia about trade.

signifies a real change in the party's direction, whether the Republicans have what it takes to woo large numbers of traditionally Democratic minority voters.

Some saw the effort as craven opportunism.

After seeing the first night of the convention, Walter Boatwright, 61, a Philadelphia job developer who helps find work for the homeless, echoed the sentiments of many black voters interviewed last week when he said angrily, "Even though only a few of the delegates are black, all you saw was gospel singing and black faces. They think people are stupid, that we can't see through this, that we can't see it's all a big lie."

Rep. Watts and his colleagues insisted that Republicans were being sincere — that if they were not projecting the party's actual

level of diversity, then at least the image embodied a genuine hope.

"I can only tell you that what you are watching reflects our

future. It does not necessarily reflect our past or our present," said Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers, another black Republican who took the stage after Watts at the Thursday evening press conference.

Still, some people thought the show of diversity was too over-the-top to be taken as sincere.

"My sense is that they've probably succeeded too well," said Alan Brinkley, the chairman of Columbia University's history department, who studies 20th century American history. "The level of artificiality in this is so palpable that it's hard to imagine that many people believe this is the true Republican Party on display."

In fact, he said, Republicans have not attracted sizeable numbers of black voters in many decades.

"There hasn't been a significant black presence in the Republican Party since the 1920s — and there hasn't been a

"I can only tell you that what you are watching reflects our future."

— Joe Rogers, Colorado GOP lieutenant governor, who is black

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— Alan Brinkley, Columbia University history professor

the post-Civil War era right through the 1956 election — and even in 1960, despite John F. Kennedy's call to Coretta Scott King when Rev. King was in jail," said Sabato.

But remaining links to the GOP were broken once and for all in 1964 with presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, who as a senator voted against the Civil Rights Act. "That was the real turning point," Sabato said.

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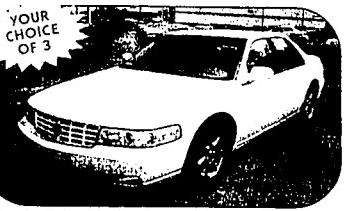
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WORLD



A demonstrator holds a sign Saturday reading 'Nazis Out' during a protest of right-wing activists of the so-called 'young national democrats,' the youth organization of the National Democratic Party in Tostedt, Lower Saxony, Germany.

Police detain dozens of neo-Nazis

BERLIN (AP) — Police detained dozens of neo-Nazi supporters trying to march in Salzburg, while hundreds of Germans took the streets in an anti-Nazi protest decrying the rise in racist attacks.

The arrests came after courts banned the extreme-right National Democratic Party (NPD) from holding a rally in Bad Berka, a resort near Weimar in eastern Germany, calling it a danger to public safety.

About 100 skinheads were taken into custody by police as they tried to attend anyway.

About 1,200 people turned out for the anti-Nazi demonstration in Duesseldorf, where an explosion July 27 at a rail station injured 10 recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, six of them Jewish.

Although police have yet to determine a motive, the possibility that the grenade was set off by right-wing extremists has triggered a wave of national soul-searching and demands for action.

to stop the daily occurrences of neo-Nazi affronts, ranging from spray-painted swastikas to three fatal attacks so far this year.

"It's true that Hitler and his followers were beaten military 55 years ago, but in the year 2000 they're still not politically defeated," author Ralph Giordano told the crowd.

His remarks were echoed by onlookers, some of whom noted sadly that a rally demanding tougher leash laws for attack dogs two weeks ago attracted nearly 10 times as many people.

"Sometimes I'm afraid it's already much too late," said Elisabeth Debener, an 81-year-old retiree who lived through the Nazi era. More than 50 years later, one of her acquaintances is harassed on the street because of his dark skin when they walk together to the train, she said.

"We're in a situation in which one has to be afraid," she said.

In the eastern city of Eisenach, more than 300 people gathered

Friday night to show support for two African men who were kicked and spit at and chased through the town by a gang a week ago.

Nine young neo-Nazis were jailed overnight for threatening to disrupt that demonstration. Police said their leader, an NPD member, had a banner with an anti-foreigner slogan hidden under his clothing.

Some 250 NPD attended a rally Saturday that the party was allowed to hold in Tostedt, east of Bremen.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government is considering having the fringe NPD declared unconstitutional for agitating against foreigners, leftists and other minorities.

But Interior Ministry Otto Schily expressed serious reservations. Banning the party runs the risk of sending its members underground and making them even more militant, he said in Der Spiegel magazine.

U.N. peacekeepers deploy on Israeli border

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — U.N. peacekeepers fanned out Saturday along the Lebanese-Israeli border, completing their deployment for a mission to bring stability to a zone occupied by Israel until May and controlled since by guerrillas.

White armored vehicles flying the blue U.N. flag cruised without incident along the border fence that has been the most violent front of the Arab-Israeli conflict for more than 20 years.

The deployment clears the way for Lebanon to station its own troops in the former Israeli-occupied zone, where anti-Israel guerrillas have been the de facto authority since the Israelis left on May 24.

Lebanese Interior Minister

Michel Murr said Saturday that a force of 1,000 soldiers and police officers were poised to enter the zone. A government official said on condition of anonymity the Lebanese force would deploy early next week.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak welcomed the U.N. deployment, issuing a statement that he hoped it would "bring stability and security to the area" and allow Israelis living near the border to lead normal lives.

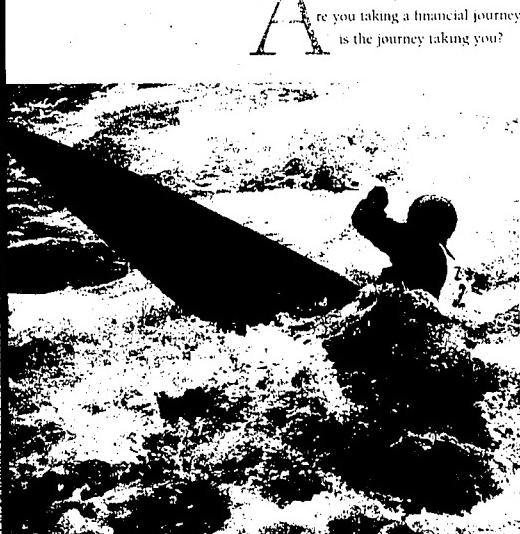
The operation, which began at 6 a.m. Saturday and lasted most of the day, went smoothly. Some 370 U.N. troops took up positions along border, sometimes taking over posts vacated by Hezbollah guerrillas.

A high-ranking Indian officer at the U.N. headquarters in the south Lebanon town of Naqura said "all necessary measures were taken with Lebanese officials, who coordinated with all parties on the ground, including Hezbollah." He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iran, Hezbollah's backer, welcomed the U.N. deployment, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharraz said. He hoped it would prevent any further Israeli incursions into Lebanon, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Finnish soldiers of the 5,000-member U.N. force set up a position on the Lebanese side of the border across from the Israeli town of Metulla.

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Turkey encourages Palestinians

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer urged visiting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Saturday to press ahead with peace talks with Israel.

Since the breakdown of two weeks of talks at Camp David on July 25, Arafat has renewed his pledge to declare an independent Palestinian state on Sept. 13 even if a final peace accord is not reached.

Turkey already recognizes Palestinian independence and allows the Palestinians to maintain

an embassy. But its leaders are concerned a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood could spark renewed conflict in the Middle East. Turkey is also a strong ally of the United States and has close economic and military ties with Israel.

Despite the lack of an agreement at Camp David, "it is a fact that several steps that cannot be neglected were taken toward peace," Sezer said after a meeting with Arafat in Ankara, Turkey's capital.

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Amputees wait their turn June 25, while others are examined outside a field hospital set up by the Prostheals Foundation of Thailand in Aranyaprathet, Sakaeo province, Bangkok.

Thai group turns recyclables into artificial limbs

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP) — It was three years ago that Krautin stepped on a land mine as he herded water buffaloes across a shadowy border near the Thai-Cambodian border.

"The whole world blew up in my face, and my first thought was: 'Why me? Why not the buffaloes?'" the 29-year-old farmer recalled. "Later, I thought that Lady Luck had stood by my buffaloes. They returned safely home on their four legs."

With his right leg amputated at the knee, Wisit has used a prosthetic leg, but after three years of hard work it has worn out and he needs a new one.

That's not an easy proposition for Wisit, since an artificial leg costs around \$25 and he earns about 5 cents a day.

So he got one for free, a leg made of materials recycled from discarded aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

The recycling program is led by the Prostheals Foundation of Thailand, which makes the rounds of rural areas in a mission to provide free artificial limbs to every poor land mine victim in Thailand.

Hundreds of farmers, mostly poor, have been crippled by land mines along Thailand's borders with Cambodia and Myanmar, where internal wars have spilled over into Thai territory in the form of hidden minefields.

The foundation was founded in 1992 by the late mother of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. In recent years donations to the group decreased, said Therdchai Cheevaket, the foundation's chief

doctor. So a new way had to be found to lower production costs of prosthetic devices.

The foundation began a collection of discarded plastic bottles, which were turned into plastic sheets for use in prosthetic devices. For metal needed to fashion artificial limbs, the foundation gathered used aluminum cans.

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Diamonds turn to guns in smuggling network

The Associated Press

The guns come from Libya, Ukraine and Bulgaria, snaking their way from distant arms factories to the dense forests of West Africa and into the hands of a vicious rebel movement. From the other direction come small chips of carbon — diamonds that end up in trading houses in New York, Antwerp and Tel Aviv.

And right in the middle of it all, according to a growing corps of international accusations, are two African presidents whose poverty-ravaged nations have become the main conduits for millions of dollars in weapons and gems moving in and out of rebel-held Sierra Leone.

Two governments of Charles Taylor, the former warlord turned Liberian president, and Blaise Compaore, the president of Burkina Faso, are accused of funneling guns to rebels who have wreaked years of horror on

Sierra Leone, and of smuggling out the diamonds they mine.

"All the available evidence supports the allegations that Liberia and Burkina Faso, particularly their two presidents, have been deeply involved with the rebels," said Sierra Leone's information minister, Julius Spencer. His words were echoed by American and British officials, who lashed out at the two nations during recent UN hearings.

Officials from both countries denied the charges, demanding proof and pledging to cooperate with investigators.

Regional officials and diplomats say Liberia remains the main pipeline, but it shares a border with Sierra Leone.

But the rebel Revolutionary United Front has close ties to both countries and uses its connections to help pay for a war that has left Sierra Leone bankrupt, tens of thousands of people dead and thousands more mutilated in a campaign of terror.

A top Sierra Leonean official familiar with the smuggling network, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Burkina Faso provides the end-user certificates that weapons companies require to ship arms.

Burkina Faso buys the weapons from Ukraine or Bulgaria — or is given them by Libya — and the guns are repackaged and flown to Liberia, the official said. From there, the weapons — from light arms to shoulder-launched ground-to-air missiles — are often hand-carried through the thick jungle to rebel bases.

The official said testimony by rebels, lawyers and intelligence agents in all three countries supported the assertions.

Flowing the other way is a stream of uncut diamonds from rebel-controlled diamond fields, where thousands of diggers sift silt in search of gems.

While some diamonds go directly to the private market,

others are paid to rebels in a semi-formalized taxation system. Sierra Leone-based diamond dealers say RUF diamonds are then taken to Liberia and either sold or smuggled to Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast or Guinea, then sold to diamond brokers.

Liberia's own diamond production in recent years is estimated at between 100,000 and 150,000 carats — worth less than \$10 million. However, it has exported 6 million carats of RUF diamonds worth \$300 million, U.S. officials say.

The rebels earn an estimated \$30-\$50 million, and perhaps as much as \$125 million a year from illicit diamond sales, according to Richard Holbrooke, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Speaking at a U.N. hearing on Sierra Leone last week, U.S. diplomats warned both countries could face consequences if the trade continues — including a freeze on foreign assets and visa restrictions.

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Europeans ban travel to Montenegro

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on Friday banned its staff from traveling to Montenegro, amid calls for Yugoslav authorities to release two British police officers and two Canadians arrested by the army earlier in the week.

In a memo to its staff throughout the Balkans, the OSCE said the arrests were part of a pattern of activity indicating that "the security situation in Montenegro is heading in the wrong direction."

"Clearly it would be unwise to offer an opportunity for the (Yugoslav army) to use a chance encounter with OSCE people traveling without visas as another propaganda coup," said the memo from the European security organization.

The OSCE previously had announced a more limited travel ban.

The memo came a day after the Yugoslav army announced that it had arrested the four on suspicion of spying and training secessionist forces in pro-Western Montenegro.

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EDITORIAL

Don't be too quick to halt Idaho's welfare reform

The debate over welfare reform has many tangents, but at the heart of the argument is a single question: "What is the best way to help people help themselves?"

The intent of welfare has never been to create a permanent alternative to gainful employment. Human nature being what it is, whenever welfare benefits are plentiful, long-lived and easy to obtain, the inevitable result is a culture of dependency.

That's why the 1997 Idaho Legislature was correct to revise the state's welfare system.

Eligibility requirements were tightened, maximum monthly payments were trimmed and lifetime benefits were limited to two years.

The aim was to provide a safety net while nudging unemployed people to find work.

Lawmakers believed it was a better way to help people help themselves.

And so, the number of Idaho families on welfare has declined. In 1996, more than 9,000 families were receiving cash assistance from the state. Today, the figure is less than 1,200.

No good deed goes unpunished in the eyes of dependency liberals. What Idaho conservatives see as sensible welfare reform, the liberals decry as a senseless escalation of poverty. A coalition of community groups is urging state leaders to

expand the two-year limit on lifetime benefits to match the federal limit of five years. The group also wants to boost maximum monthly payments from \$293 to \$515.

Hello? We've been down this path before — and it didn't work very well. Keeping poor people in financial servitude to the government is not the answer to the symptoms, not the causes, of poverty.

No one should be under any illusion about the immediate job prospects for people who have been cut off from welfare to work. They often are entry-level, service economy positions that, ideally, are stepping stones to better opportunities.

At a psychological level, a newly found work ethic instills a sense of self-esteem in formerly idle people. Being a worker at any level beats the soul-withering emptiness of indolence.

In today's economy, when unemployment is low and workers have their pick of jobs, there is little reason for able-bodied people to remain unemployed for long. With so many jobs available, eager employers often pay far more than the minimum wage of \$5.50 per hour.

Again, entry-level wages won't provide luxuries for people who are raising families. But they are honest wages for honest work. That beats the alternative, which is no job, no incentive, and no hope.

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B. Trustees have supported exorbitant salary increase:

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C. Trustees are ineffectual with negotiations over district professionals and administrators:

Why was an administration decision turned into a political and popularity

contest?

D. Trustees have shown fiscal ineptitude to budget and spend \$834,409:

Since 1998, we have a new high school, new gym with air conditioning; a new football field, a new vocational building, air conditioning in the elementary school, updated kitchen facility, have spent money for property acquisition. They have to keep four months operating expenses in the budget, which exceeds \$600,000. We feel that they are using good judgment in their spending.

E. Trustees support the removal of Mr. Ills without just cause:

If it was without just cause, then why won't Mr. Ills wave his confidentiality rights. That way, the board could release all reasons and facts for not renewing his contract. Some people go to work to collect a pay check and find it easier to flow with the tide instead of trying to make a difference. Should we be content with our kids just getting by, or should we expect more from their leaders?

F. We have raised our children to believe in themselves and what is the right thing to do, not to back down when you feel that you are right. That is why we are writing this letter. We do believe that change is due! Hopefully, our kids will not have to pay the price for speaking up.

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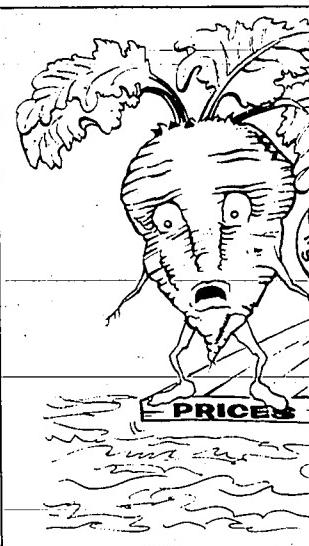
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Gore looks like the underdog now

PHILADELPHIA — Lifted by an acceptance speech of exceptional eloquence and powered by a party enjoying unusual unity, Texas Gov. George W. Bush embarks on the final stage of his quest for the White House with prospects that almost measure up to his brimming self-confidence.

He has passed the first three tests on the way to the presidency with room to spare. He won the nomination early and with minimal bloodshed. He picked a solid running mate in former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney who is adequate in campaign skills and outstanding in governmental experience and capacity — a healthy augury of the quality that might be expected in a Bush administration. And the acceptance speech he delivered Thursday night was a success.

It contained almost everything good political rhetoric can provide — humor, personal warmth, effective jabs at the opposition and glimpses of what his father, the former president, used to call "the vision thing." And Bush had rehearsed it enough to make it his own.

With these cards in hand, it would be tempting to conclude that Bush is most of the way to the White House — tempting but wrong. Michael Dukakis passed those three tests in 1988 — and ended up a loser. Richard Nixon did so in 1960, but was beaten by John Kennedy.

Neither of them, however, enjoyed as broad and enthusiastic support in his own party as Bush has as he goes out to challenge Vice President Al Gore. Those who say conventions have lost their meaning in this era of presidential primaries and mass media communications miss one thing.

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BRODER

The conventions are still the places where the politicians of the 50 states gauge each other's honest expectations and decide whether the investment of time, money and effort they will be asked by the nominee to make over the next three months really has a chance to produce a victory. For the Republicans who came to Philadelphia, the answer is overwhelmingly yes.

"They think he's a winner," said veteran Mississippi Republican Clarke Reed, explaining why potentially difficult disputes over the party rules and platform had been settled without a fuss.

And from one end of the Republican spectrum to the other — from Phyllis Schlafly to Christine Todd Whitman — they left here willing to work for Bush.

With this in mind, it would be tempting to conclude that Bush is most of the way to the White House — tempting but wrong. Michael Dukakis passed those three tests in 1988 — and ended up a loser. Richard Nixon did so in 1960, but was beaten by John Kennedy.

But even with all this, Bush's work is far from done. Immediately ahead is a Democratic convention where — unless it is mishandled — Gore will finally escape from the large, dark shadow of the Clinton presidency and become in fact, as well as in name, the party's standard-bearer. And beyond that, in October, loom the television debates where Bush will be required to defend his policies and plans.

The bête noire remains on Bush's shoulders to explain to Americans why they need to change parties in the White

House. At this convention, no one challenged the unstated premise of his acceptance speech — that this era of sustained prosperity with rising real incomes and the prospect of once-unimaginable budget surpluses just happened by itself. It did not. The sources of this success are many, but they clearly included the budget decisions of 1993 and 1997 — decisions in which Gore played a significant part. Bush can legitimately point to his distance from the Washington scandals and partisan squabbling that have disgusted so many Americans but he can claim no credit for one of the best economic records in history.

Unless Gore is totally inept, he will make that point. And, if he can avoid the nasty tone in which he has gone too often with Bush's conservative suggestions for Social Security and other topics — and to challenge the governor's conspicuous lack of a serious proposal for providing prescription drug benefits to the elderly.

But the vice president is now the underdog in this race. Bush is seen by the public as a stronger leader — and, by almost any measure, a man more likely to help cure the poisonous partisanship of the capital city. It is also the case — as every pollster here can demonstrate — that the smaller the turnout in November the better the prospects that Bush will win. Gore has a double assignment: to persuade people that he should be president and to motivate them to vote. His work begins in earnest next week.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

Dot-coms and the great cattle die-off

Psst! Want to make 30 percent to 40 percent and more a year on your money? Invest in an exciting American industry showing incredible growth! Best investment in years! All you have to do is sit back and wait for the profits to roll in.

And so a throng of investors responded, venturing thousands, even millions, from the East, from the West, from Europe, to pour money into an American industry growing exponentially, year by year. No other economic development held such fascination.

Then, in a matter of months, the market crashed. Optimists lost millions, particularly those who joined late. No longer was this the new darling of venture capital. It was just another industry, offering reasonable reward for reasonable risk.

We're talking about the dot-com industries of the '90s, aren't we? Not this time.

We're talking about an industry of the '80s — the 1880s. The industry that spawned a thousand movies, the industry of cowboys and frontier, the industry that helped to define American life and culture: the cattle-trail industry of the Old West. If that world of lone prairies and lawless cow towns is long gone, its motivating fable seems to be with us still: huge investments in a romantic new industry, sure to reap fantastic profits with little risk.

Common sense would seem to argue against this. But American investment patterns seem only occasionally based on common sense, whether their subjects be Web sites or cattle herds. The great market crash of Old West cattle speculation is not likely to be featured on cereal boxes or cigarette packets.

Nevertheless, this process of rags to riches and back to rags seems to reflect a

ROSS F. COLLINS

tradition in the United States, playing out yet again today in the frenzy of Internet stock speculation.

After the Civil War, Texas cattle owners discovered the economic advantages of driving stock north to rail heads for shipping to high-priced Eastern markets. Early on, a herd owner's profits could be as amazing as a dot-com's. Beef shortages drove prices skyward, and Texas longhorns actually got fatter as they grazed their way to Kansas and points north.

Like our own era, it was a period of economic expansion. The wealthy had idle money. Why not put it to work in the blindingly profitable cattle industry of the romantic West? Like Internet-based industries, the stock-raising business relied on trained professionals. But that didn't matter then, no more than it seems to matter now: you just employed on-site cattle bosses (pixel bosses?) to handle that.

Just as a megaherd of financial writers has booted up for dot-coms, a herd of 19th-century writers tracked bullish on cattle. At its frenzy in the three years after 1883, money poured into the Western cattle business. Elegant clubs such as Wyoming's Cheyenne Stock Growers Association offered sumptuous facilities to visiting owners, much as dot-com owners living on venture capital have pampered themselves.

But by 1885, cattle-town newspapers were predicting disaster. Overgrazing made feed scarce, while beef prices fell in the St. Louis and Chicago markets. As new Internet stocks have been built on

increasingly risky speculation, managers of huge and high-risk cattle outfits put on the happy face expected of them. They chronically underreported cattle and over-reported increases. Cattle dealers overestimated the size of herds they sold; Eastern investors didn't know the difference.

The crash, the "big die-off," came the winter of 1886-87. A harsh winter after a dry summer left little for range cattle to eat. Expected to rustle up their own winter feed. What was left was the following spring many remembered in a single picture by C.M. Russell — an emaciated cow titled "The Last of 5,000."

That single winter's cattle die-off may not have been as bad as that, but managers took the opportunity offered by nature to tot up unreported losses of several thousand cattle. The numbers shocked imprudent investors. Some of the largest and most famous operations went broke. Theodore Roosevelt may have gotten his strength from North Dakota, as he said, but he certainly did not increase his fortune there.

The die-off crushed the frenzy of speculation in cattle. Few absentee financiers survived. Local ranchers filled the void to make the industry reasonably profitable for those who knew what they were doing and had modest expectations.

Today's investment frontier may be online instead of on the hoof, but it seems that a die-off here, too, will leave a few profitable survivors who know the industry and keep their expectations modest. It's an American tradition.

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OPINION

Even the protesters were dull

PHILADELPHIA - It's popular to say how dull the political conventions are now that everything is decided before the delegates arrive to vote.

In the past weeks, everyone coming to Philadelphia for the Republican convention was complaining about how dull it was going to be.

Well, they greatly underrated how uninteresting the convention would be. If there was a world's record for dull, this convention would have broken it.

It was "Ripley's Believe It or Not" dull.

The Republican National Committee is to be congratulated because this is just the way it wanted the convention to be. They didn't want anyone riding the boat - no ruffled feathers, no argument, no dissension. It was apparent that the committee felt the American public was tired of anything negative. It was as if all Republicans agreed on everything.

I don't know who came up with it, but the Republican slogan, emblazoned in letters eight feet high on the side of the convention hall was a tipoff to how excruciatingly uninteresting the proceedings inside were going to be. It read, "RENEWING AMERICA'S PURPOSE TOGETHER." How does that grab you? Does it make you want to get out there and crusade for the Republican Party - but maybe take a little nap first? It's meaningless but, at least, no one disagrees with it.

Another interesting thing about how uninteresting every-thing was, was that even the demonstrators in Philadelphia were dull. It was as if they, too, had been organized by the Republican National Committee. The demonstrators had a hard



ANDY ROONEY

time getting together enough people to make a picture for television news. They seemed like angry young protesters with nothing to protest. It was never clear what they were for or against but whatever it was, they felt strongly about it.

On Monday, there was supposed to be a big demonstration on the highway, and it was so small and unorganized that no one paid much attention to it. There were lots of police but nothing for them to do. Too many of the homeless looked as if they couldn't wait until the demonstration was over so they could go home. On Tuesday, one demonstrator threw a bottle but most of them were about like fans at a soccer game.

Everywhere you went in Philadelphia, there were cops and barricades to prevent the demonstrators from disrupting things. I've seen pedestrians trying to cross Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street in New York disrupt things more than any of the demonstrators did in Philadelphia.

George W. Bush's wife, Laura, started things off the first night with a good speech. She was not only good but she sounded as though she wrote some of herself. Colin Powell, who unlike most military men seems to have dropped "general" from his title, came close to being controversial when he implied Republicans to pay more attention to African-Americans.

Powell broke with the Republican Party on the issue of abortion four years ago but this time he didn't mention that he believes in a woman's right to choose. It seems likely that someone from the Republican National Committee got to Powell in advance of his speech and, in the interest of keeping the convention bland, asked him not to bring it up.

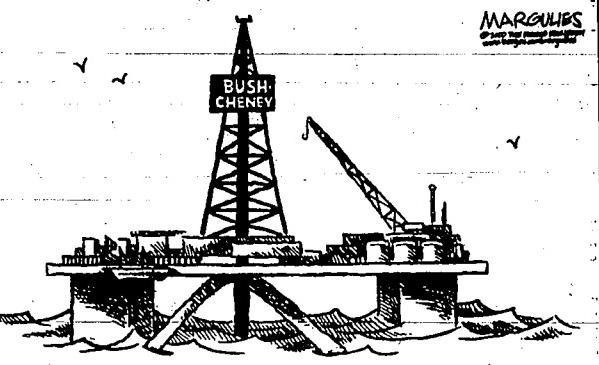
Abortion and gun control are highly flammable issues and the Republicans running the convention made sure they didn't come up.

Hard-line conservative groups like the Christian Coalition had a low profile at the convention and those who always been the committee's choice. No one from the right-wing Christian movement is going to vote for a Democrat anyway, so the Republicans had nothing to lose by giving them short shrift at the convention.

The Republicans were trying to appeal to a wide variety of potential voters so they threw a little something in a lot of different directions. There were a few minority Americans sprinkled throughout the audience on the convention floor but the frequency of the display of their actual numbers. There was a gay speaker, a handicapped speaker, a rabbi, but when I mingled with delegates, I did not get the impression that gays, the handicapped or rabbis were in the majority.

The Republicans tried to leave no stone with a vote under it unturned, and they may have succeeded, but the convention was as tediously contrived as an episode of "Survivor."

Andy Rooney is a columnist with Tribune Media Services.



The Republican Platform

LETTERS

Spray paint deserves action

We were riding our motorbikes on July 19 in the South Hills and ran across three women on horses. They started with, "Why do you have to go so fast?" instead of "Hello." Next was, "Don't pull our flags off the trees!" instead of "How are you?" Contrary to our impression of them not liking our "noisy" dirt bikes, we were nice.

The reason these horsewomen were up there was to mark a trail for a "race," as they called it, on Saturday, July 22. We came to find out they had been issued a special-use permit from the Forest Service.

I returned for another ride on July 27 and was nauseated and appalled, to say the least. These horsewomen had spray painted - in hot pink, no less - trees, logs, rocks, roots, whatever they thought they should to make sure their race participants wouldn't take the wrong trail. God forbid they would haul stakes, hammer, paper, a Sharpie and a stapler to mark the route.

A horse-only trail was made for the horse enthusiasts to ride on. I get really sick at the horse-women because there has been "mountain bike" tracks on their trail as I'm sitting on my motorcycle. I can't see why Mommy would yell at Bobby when Jimmy is the one who spilled the milk. They come on everybody else's trail, use it as their own and massacre the beauty and the reason I ride in the mountains.

Who should take the brunt? I cannot imagine the Forest Service adding to the special-use permit, "Allowed to grossly vandalize and spray graffiti on mountain trails." I challenge the Forest Service officials to charge whoever is responsible for this ridiculous act.

It is frustrating to share our wilderness, isn't it? P.S. - Kudos to Mary Bellum's letter on July 29.

TODD RAMBUR
Twin Falls

Conservancy benefits Idaho
About one month ago, I wrote a letter to The Times-News disputing George Wuerthner's highly critical letter where he stated the Nature Conservancy had "changed its mission" because it now worked with ranchers. To the contrary, I pointed out Silver Creek as an example of how the Nature Conservancy has been working with ranchers for nearly a quarter century here in Idaho.

success. Is it perfect? No. Are many places in Idaho better off than they might have been otherwise? Yes.

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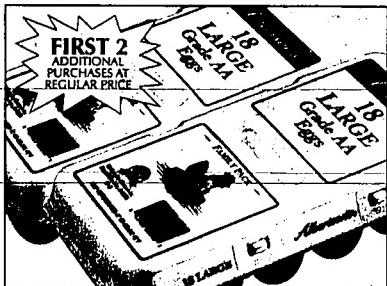
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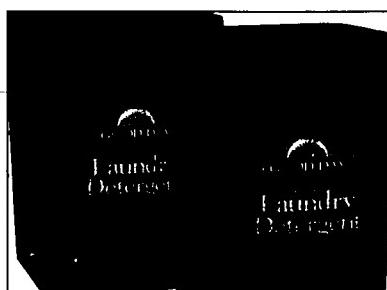
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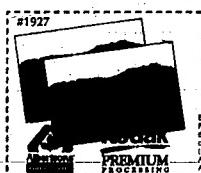
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Section B

Stuck in the middle with you

I stand second to no man in my admiration of the adult female midriff.

But, honey, you're no Gwen Stefani.

And in this season of sun and flop sweat, I'm seeing more than a few Idaho women who are showing off their bellybuttons and – gosh, how to put this tactfully? – oughtn't.

It's a simple matter of physics, I suppose: Gravity is a constant, your weight is not, and once you cinch up that belt, then the wages of sins have to be spent somewhere.

To be blunt, you have excessive flying buttresses; don't make the rest of us look at them.

It's a double standard by gender, really. You wouldn't let that adipose lump of back hair who's currently snoring in the couch get away with baring his belly in public. He'd be embarrassed.

Just so. And that's a point to ponder next time you fantasize about getting a navel ring.

Granted, I come to this issue with certain biases born of an Idaho Ruritanian experience. I grew up around country people who should have known better about a lot of things, but decided not to.

One was that it was acceptable to show up at any social occasion as if it were free-Copperton day at the Eastern Idaho State Fair.

Normally, this manifested itself in the Plague of the Pedal-Pushers. Pedal-pushers were tight, high-waisted pants popular in most places in America during the early 1960s – and thus with Idaho women well into the '80s.

They were designed to ride rather low on the hips, meaning that when you bent the belt, the greater the possibility of a screech.

And what mischief.

There have been Crump women in pedal-pushers who bent over to change a tire by the side of the road and caused traffic accidents with the glare.

Madonna, bless her, dampened our family's enthusiasm for things best unseen in the '80s when she started to show off her belly. The Material Girl is widely considered by female members of my clan to be a tramp, so the kinswomen covered up for a spell just to spite her.

Then along came Mindy McCready.

McCready is a just-folks country-Western diva from Florida who sold a passel of records and made a lot of money in the mid-'90s, in part by baring her belly on stage and revealing jewelry to match.

Mindy can get away with it. My relatives cannot, although to this day they can – and Lord knows they do – try.

This is why the angels weep: There are Crump girls 140, 160, 180 pounds who spend their summers in shirts that stop before their ribs do.

What's worse, there's not a trace of self-consciousness about it.

You heard Jeff Foxworthy talk about his sister-in-law who used to show up at weddings in a tank top? Me too, only in my cousin Darla's case, the shirt had been scissored to a premature conclusion.

Revealing, of course, abs buried beneath a lifetime of biscuits and gravy.

It would have pretty much stoked the show had not the bride's brother, a very hung-over usher at the event, gotten sick in his hat.

The late fashion designer Gianni Versace, in introducing a thong-like swimsuit of his own devising back in the '80s, got it right, I think.

"Please, ladies and gentlemen, this garment is intended for young people with thin bodies," he proclaimed as the models sashayed back and forth on the runway and the camera shutters clicked. "If you are not a young person with a thin body, please don't buy it, and if you must buy it, hang it in your closet."

I'm pretty sure none of the cousins wears Versace, but you'd be appalled at what you can do with Chez Wal-Mart and a pair of pinking shears.

For those of you ladies who disagree with the above, Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that everybody in his family smokes with a potbelly also smokes cigars. EVERYBODY.

Music lovers outlast weather at folk festival

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY – Cody Braun was in the cradle when the Northern Rockies Folk Festival was founded 22 years ago.

But it wasn't long after that he and his three brothers performed one of their first gigs at the festival, along with dad, Murry Braun.

The hard driving music, which the group calls "hick rock," bore no resemblance to the "Home on the Range" and the yodeling the boys used to do as The Little Braun Brothers. But the group, which got double-time Friday when headliner Charlie Robinson cancelled due to illness, drove the crowd of 2,500 wild.

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KAREN BOSSICK/The Times-News
Seven-year-old Michele Krakkala, of Hailey, turned a Thermo-lounger into a sunshade during Saturday's Northern Rockies Folk Festival.

"They tore this place apart. again Saturday. "They're talented musicians who work hard. Bottom line: they've got the right chemistry."

About 2,500 people stuck out an equally wild beginning to the folk festival Friday night when an impromptu thunderstorm lasting a half hour roared through the park, showering buckets of rain on a town that had seen scarcely any precipitation since ski season, with the exception of a ferocious thunderstorm Thursday night.

"We stuck it out and it was wonderful for those of us who hadn't seen rain for so long," said Melodie Bernhard, of Hailey. "Then the rain passed and it got beautiful."

Saturday, there was hardly a cloud in the sky. But security held their hands full hanging onto tents and other paraphernalia when a funnel of wind – call it a wind-suds – blew through about 3 p.m., ripping tin, shingles and other debris off some of Hailey's downtown buildings.

"Believe me, it takes more

than rain or wind to scare us," Kramer said.

The folk festival began 23 years ago in Sun Valley as a way to expose people to some of the "lost" musical traditions like old-time string music, Celtic music, even sea chanteys.

Over the years, it has gradually taken on a more bluesy, harder-rocking tone, with occasionally big-name headliners like the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. This year's headliner was Robert Earl Keen, who writes tales of honor and desperation in such Tex-Mex songs as "Gringo Honeymoon."

"Sometimes purists say 'So-and-so isn't folk music,' but the definition of folk music can be pretty broad," Kramer said. "Blues and country music are a form of folk music in the United States. If you maintain a rigid narrow definition of folk music

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JUST A SAMPLE

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Testing the waters

Officials say city water is safe for use

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – During these hot summer days there's nothing like a cool glass of fresh, clear water.

But how fresh and how clean is the water?

Rising nitrate levels throughout the Magic Valley have some people wondering about the safety of their tap water. Despite concerns about some rural areas, state and local officials say municipal water in the Magic Valley's cities is safe.

"It's not very pure, but it's very safe and it's good for you," said Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young. "When you talk about pure, you are talking about distilled water."

The city has budgeted more than \$30,000 for the 2000-2001 budget year for tests to make sure Twin Falls' water quality is up to par, Young said.

"The tests are expensive," he said. "There's a lot of them."

State law requires monthly bacteria tests and annual tests for various minerals. Tests cover radioactive elements, nitrates, bacteria and inorganic minerals.

"If there was anything else here of concern, we would do something about it," Young said.

Jess Mabry, water superinten-

At a glance

Here's a look at the inorganic chemical analysis reports from three Magic Valley cities – Burley, Hailey end Twin Falls.

The Times-News chose those three cities based on their differing sizes and to sample different areas of south-central Idaho.

The tests in Burley were done in April 1998. The tests in Hailey were done in February 1998. The tests in Twin Falls were done this April.

Chemical analysis reports are done every two or three years in cities across the state, said Dave Anderson of the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Mineral	Max. level allowed	Burley	Hailey	Twin Falls
Arsenic	0.05	0.034	ND	0.011
Barium	2	0.032	0.053	0.04
Beryllium	0.004	ND	ND	ND

dent for the city of Burley, said his city's water quality is also good.

"We haven't had any problems at all," he said.

Though Burley is smaller than Twin Falls, its water is held to the same scrupul-

"Our water samples run the same in Twin," Mabry said. "We've got to do the same things they do."

Tap water appears clear, but it actually

contains a broad range of minerals. These include microscopic particles of calcium, mercury and lead.

"They are naturally occurring minerals," Young said.

Some minerals, in small doses, are good for a person's health – such as fluoride, which protects children's teeth from decay.

"There'll be people who say, 'Don't put those chemicals in our water,'" Anderson said. "It's politically unacceptable."

Chromium	0.1	0.003	0.005	0.014
Fluoride	4	0.3	0.6	0.6
Mercury	0.003	ND	ND	ND

The Times-News did some water testing of its own. Water samples were taken from three taps in three different parts of the city. The samples were tested for total coliform bacteria (animal feces and waste) and nitrate levels.

One sample was taken from a home on the east side of the city, another from a home on the west side of the city, and a third from downtown Twin Falls.

The maximum contamination level of nitrates is 10 mg/L.

The results were as follows:

East side	West side	Downtown
2.67 mg/L	2.71 mg/L	3.83 mg/L
Absent	Absent	Absent

Young said it would be nice to have less of some minerals and more of others.

"I'd be happy if there was not enough sodium or sulfur in the water," he said. "But we can't change those things. It's too expensive. We don't run a 35 million gallon treatment plant every day to take something out that won't hurt you."

Officials say conservation and education are necessary ingredients for clean water in the future.

"We intend to continue our public education in terms of protecting the waterways," Young said.

And those expensive tests will continue. The \$30,000 annual cost is a small price for good water, Young said.

"We have a lot of customers," he said.

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TWIN FALLS – A Twin Falls summer suffered burns early Saturday morning when his motorcycle was hit from behind by a semi-truck, said John Hotchkiss, an Idaho State Police dispatcher.

The accident occurred about 2:11 a.m. Saturday, according to the ISP. Bryan J. Lynch, 23, of Twin Falls, was driving his motorcycle on Interstate 84 about three miles north of the Idaho-Utah border when he was hit from behind by a semi-truck driven by Lloyd P. Atkins, 61, of Eagle, Hotchkiss said.

The truck hit the motorcycle and dragged it and the motorcycle caught fire, Hotchkiss said.

Lynch was taken to the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City where he was listed in stable condition Saturday evening, according to a hospital official.

Atkins was not injured.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO**Privately managed prison sees its first lockdown as inmates protest**

BOISE (AP) - Five weeks after it opened, Idaho's new privately-run prison locked down its inmates when they staged a silent protest.

A handful of Idaho Corrections Center inmates refused to come out of their cells and attend to their prison chores on Wednesday, Assistant Warden Jeff Conway confirmed on Friday.

The medium- and minimum-security prisoners were protesting what they believed were overly restrictive rules about shaving, phone calls and mail.

"We don't want it to turn into a full-blown disturbance," Conway said.

said. "There was no physical violence. All inmates are safe and sound."

Corrections Corp. of America is one of the nation's largest operators of private prisons and has been a controversial choice to run Idaho's since it was selected in 1997 as the contractor.

After the first of July, CCA began moving Idaho inmates to the new \$50 million, 1,250-bed prison south of Boise from its New Mexico facilities. Since then, prison officials and their families have complained about the treatment behind the bars.

Just hours after the lockdown was ordered, state Division of

Prisons Administrator Bona Miller sent an "open letter" to all the inmates.

"As you all know, the Idaho Correctional Center was placed on a restricted movement status," the letter said. "This occurred as a result of several food service workers refusing to come out of their cells and report for work. Following that initial refusal, many other inmates did the same thing."

Miller said some complaints included being banned from having beards and that the cost of phone calls to family is too high.

"I understand for many of you the return back to Idaho mean

a significant adjustment from your experience at the CCA facility in Cibola, New Mexico," Miller told inmates. "However, your current behavior will not result in getting what you want."

Beards are not allowed in any Idaho prison, and the telephone costs at the new prison are the same as those at the state-run facilities, Miller said.

Department of Correction spokesman Mark Carnopis said part of the problem at the new prison is that inmates are having trouble adjusting to some rules that are more rigid than those at the New Mexico lockup.

Conway said the decision to

lock down was made to notify the inmates they must obey the rules.

"Basically, it's just a new institution and a new set of rules that they didn't particularly like," he said. "You get a bunch of inmates coming in, trying to determine

their dominance, and we're just not going to let them decide."

Conway said the lockdown will be eased gradually in the coming few days. The prison is designed to hold 1,250 inmates and as of Friday had 744.

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Civil filings

Arrow Financial Services vs. Naderida Bratton, Seeking \$2,271.72, with prejudgment interest, attorney's fees and costs and such other relief as the court deems just. The suit says the defendant is in breach of an account agreement by failing to make all required monthly payments in a timely manner.

Citibank vs. Kristy M. Rodriguez, Seeking \$1,045.33, with prejudgment interest, plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs and such other relief as the court deems just. The suit says the defendant is in breach of an account agreement by failing to make all required monthly payments in a timely manner.

Denny & Co. vs. Russell and Deborah Gibson, Seeking the principal sum of \$404,433, interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum, plaintiff's attorney's fees and costs and such other relief as the court deems just. The suit says the defendant refused to pay on a promissory note.

Alicia L. Repp vs. Jodi Embree, Seeking \$1,000, attorney's fees and legal expenses; past and future economic loss; general damages for personal injuries; court costs; attorney's fees; and such other relief as the court deems just. In June 1999 the plaintiff was a passenger in a 1999 Plymouth Neon when the defendant failed to stop at the intersection of Shoshone Street and Avenue East, striking the plaintiff's vehicle.

King Broadcasting Co. vs. Martial Arts of America, Seeking judgment for the sum

of \$355, plus statutory interest from April 2000; attorney's fees; costs incurred; and such other relief as the court deems just. The defendant failed to pay for services rendered by the plaintiff, the suit says.

Divorces

Jenny Rae Winmill vs. Marc Darrell Winmill, Plaintiff vs. Jesse Belieu.

Joshua D. Grisham vs. Jolynn Grisham,

Robert M. Foster vs. Desna E. Foster, **Lyle D. Peterson vs. Elizabeth D. Peterson**, **David J. Samano vs. Kathleen Samano**.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Wesley Vernon Hull, Seeking \$376 monthly child support; \$22 per month legal expenses not covered by insurance; child welfare insurance; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. George L. Cole, Seeking \$24 monthly; \$30 attorney's fees and costs.

Misdemeanor dismissals**City of Twin Falls**

Ron E. McMillans, 20, 1511 Targhee, Twin Falls, charged with driving under the influence, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Alberto Flores Jr., 20, 1802 N. 4000 N., Idaho Falls, charged with battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Twin Falls County

Oscar Verdugo Orriz Jr., 30, 1828

Kimberly Road, No. 5, Twin Falls, resisting or obstructing officers; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Drunken-driving sentencing

James D. Arnett, 41, 2527 W. Vang Drive, West Valley, Utah; excessive misdemeanor, amended to misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$225.20 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 defender fees, 30 days in jail with 28 suspended; one year's probation, 90 days' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Monica R. Haudy, 36, Valley House, Twin Falls, excessive misdemeanor, amended to misdemeanor; found guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, one year's probation, six months' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabb.

Wesley Dean Douglas, 29, 850 W. 200 S., Parma, charged with driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, one year's probation, six months' driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabb.

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DEATH NOTICES

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Velda I. Udy

MALTA - Velda Irene Udy, 93, of Malta, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Malta LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel. Burial will follow at the Valley Uy Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Payne

Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

Clyde C. Wolf

TWIN FALLS - Clyde Clayton Wolf, 65, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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Until next year: Minidoka County Fair comes to a close

By Dan Fields
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Fair drew a good-size crowd on Saturday, but sadly, all good things must come to an end.

The fair's last day featured the annual livestock sale sponsored by Future Farmers of America and 4-H. Livestock sold for more than \$2 a pound this year, up from \$1 to \$1.50 a pound in previous years.

Rupert Mayor Audrey Neiwerth was one of more than 200 folks who filed into the sale barn to watch the parade of livestock and listen to the chatter of the auctioneer.

Neiwerth said she's been going to the fair for nearly all of the 45 years she's lived in Rupert. She said the fair keeps getting better every year.

"The last 10 years we have really improved a lot," Neiwerth said. "There are more new buildings and they have really kept it clean."

Neiwerth, like many other residents, has stayed busy at the fair by getting involved with various volunteer activities.

"We've been over at the antique and library booths," she said. "But I just like getting out here to see the people and visit with them."



Above, Layne Rutschke, left, of Rupert, and Max Twiss of Paul, peruse the line-up during Saturday's livestock sale at the Minidoka County Fair. Right, Cody Bohm, 6, of Rupert, ponders his next move before tearing into a cinnamon roll during Saturday's Buyer's Breakfast at the fair.

Before the livestock sale, many people could be found near the 4-H Lenders Booth where the Hogs 'N Heifers 4-H Club sponsored a Buyer's Breakfast of ham, eggs, cantaloupe and gigantic cinnamon rolls.

Kristen Bohm, 13, of Rupert, and her brothers Eric, 9, and



Cody, 6, enjoyed the breakfast before heading off to other fair activities. Kristen Bohm said she especially enjoyed the exhibits at the fair's fair.

"We were looking at all the stuff," she said. "My mom's the dairy superintendent so we've been watching all the shows."

County solicits residents' help in mapping Minidoka's future

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County leaders want to take a second look at the direction of the county's industry, commerce and housing, and they want residents to be involved in the process.

A comprehensive plan, or vision for the future, was put together in 1978 by county and city officials, as well as about 90 residents. But times have changed.

"It's a pretty good plan for the late 70s, but it needs to be updated," said Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Director Paul Aston.

What were once non-issues are

controversy now, such as the siting of confined animal feeding operations and rural subdivisions. The two could have significant effects on water quality.

The plan identifies problems and issues such as population trends, water management practices, grazing and weeds, and then establishes general policies for land use.

In devising the comprehensive plan, communities looked at 14 components such as transportation, economic development, utilities, housing, natural resources, private property rights and recreation.

Some components, such as environmental issues, have become more important in the last 25 years. Consideration of wetlands, flood plains and hazardous waste have to be considered when charting the course for future development.

Rupert Renaissance coordinator Chris Jackson says an important part of such a plan in a depressed economy has to be

Want to help?
Minidoka County residents interested in serving on a committee to help revise the county's comprehensive plan should call Paul Aston at the county Planning and Zoning Department at 436-7183 before Aug. 31.

tomorrow's "a logical part of the future," she said.

Not only can the county reap the profits from promoting Lake Walcott and the neighboring wildlife refuge, but Rupert has a "rich, wonderful history," she says. It's a city steeped in historic and aesthetic values and will grow more if the city achieves

among three committees that will look at the 14 components but the public's voice is needed as well, Aston said.

The county wants to use the revised plan to help put together unified zoning codes for the county and all five cities.

One zoning ordinance the county wants to work on is the ordinance outlining the process for siting livestock operations. The county's current ordinance was drafted in the early 1990s.

The benefit of unified zoning codes is that they make the process the same for everyone and therefore minimize the confusion. The Minidoka County Planning and Zoning office oversees planning for the county and all its incorporated cities.

A consultant out of Boise will assist the project, but the bulk of the work will be done by planning and zoning officials.

Individuals who want to be involved would attend two-hour committee meetings once a month for six months, Aston said.

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North Burley will not be included since most of the city lies within Cassia County. Minidoka County will negotiate with the city of Burley about how to handle North Burley's impact zone, Aston said. While cities can provide their impact areas with utilities and are involved in the planning and zoning of those areas, the county makes the final decisions.

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status on the National Register of Historic Places. That decision could come within the next six months, she says.

"So many people drive down the freeway and pass our exit and there's no reason for that," Jackson said.

The 14 components are all crucial parts of the comprehensive plan, "but you want to do it (in a way) that's least obtrusive to the private property owner," Aston said.

Jurisdictions are required by state law to have a comprehensive plan, Aston said. And while people don't like zoning laws, most of them acknowledge they are necessary, he said.

Volunteers are needed to help revise the comprehensive plan. County and city planning and zoning officials will be split up

between the two-hour committee meetings and one a month for six months, Aston said.

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Karen Hand and Carol Thomas, both of Hailey, work on the quilt for the Northern Rockies Folk Festival. The quilt, themed 'Milestones of the Millennium,' featured blocks depicting the Trailing of the Sheep festival, the Festival of Trees, a man planting a flag on the moon and fireworks on Baldy.

"I like festivals. They're a lot more fun than the bar scene because you have people having fun dancing, and you don't have to sing above the TV sets," he said.

"It's a real social festival. I look forward to it every year — just a lot of fun, everybody having a good time," he said.

Cody Braun, now 23, says he doesn't really remember playing his first gig at the folk festival. But he's always had a fondness for the festival because of that gigs and others that his dad and the family played at.

They do in the west. There's a honky-tonk in every town in Texas, and the college scene is big in Austin. But I do miss Idaho."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bostick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

Bus rolls in Mexico; 12 dead, 41 hurt

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A bus en route to Hermosillo, Mexico, rolled over about 20 miles south of the Sonoran capital, killing 12 people and injuring 41, The Arizona Daily Star reported.

Commander Salvador Pliego Garduno of the Federal Preventive Police in Hermosillo told the Star that one of the rear tires burst.

Said the driver, Sergio Gonzalez Gonzalez, then lost control and the bus rolled. Gonzalez, 48, was among those who died, Pliego said.

In addition to the driver, the Star said the victims included Hiplito Ortega Rodriguez, 50, of

Mexico state; Roberto Gonzalez Herrera, 26, of Mexicali, California; Norte; Vicente Coronado Barcelo, 53, of Guaymas; Jorge David Aguirre Lopez, 17, of Mexico state; Pedro Cuellar Cervantes, 76, of Baja California Sur state; Adelaida Durn de Lopez, 65, of Hermosillo; and Abel Rodriguez Arias, 39, of Tijuana.

Also killed were four unidentified people: a 4-year-old boy, a 10-year-old boy, a 40-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman, the newspaper said.

Police arrest another in Hispanic robberies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police on Friday arrested another member of a group they say terrorized and robbed a string of Hispanic businesses in the Salt Lake City area earlier this year.

The Salt Lake City Police Department arrested Francisco Batallia, 18, around 500 S. Railroad Road about 8 p.m., police Lt. Mark Peck said.

"We were looking at a possibility of three to four (members) and it looks like we have three arrested from that band," We

believe we have them all," Peck said late Friday night.

In June, a federal grand jury indicted Adrian Lara, Martin Guerro and Antonio Garcia Banderos, who investigators say were also part of the string of robberies.

Investigators said at the time that one of the men, Garcia Banderos was the mastermind of the group, which robbed more than two dozen Latino businesses in the Salt Lake City area during the past two years.

The robberies became increasingly violent as they progressed, Peck said, and included shooting at one owner and pistol-whipping another.

The 10-count indictment charged the trio with use of a firearm, aiding and abetting and violations of the Hobbs Act — a federal law which makes it illegal to obstruct or delay commerce or the movement of commodities.

Batallia had five warrants for his arrest, totaling \$1 million, Peck said.

Fair

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The budget for year-round operations is \$768,431, Gwyn said. The money is raised from booth rentals, gate admissions and sponsorships, she said.

The Twin Falls County Fair is self-supporting and doesn't receive county tax dollars. The last time the fair received any money from the county was in 1995 when it received a check for \$8,000, Pitt said.

If attendance stays the same, the higher admission charge should bring in about \$300,000, Pitt said. Last year, nearly 96,000 people attended the fair.

Vendors will also spend more to rent booths at this year's fair. Inside merchant booths will increase from \$225 to \$250 and

outside merchants will see a \$1 per foot increase.

If admission prices don't go up, booth rental prices would have increased even more, Pitt said.

"We would have to increase booth rentals enough to receive \$300,000," Pitt said. "That would put a big jump on booth fees and

we would lose a lot of vendors."

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Times-News writer Brandon Fiala can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-4931.

What you pay for

The Twin Falls County Fair has raised admission prices to pay for improvements to the fairgrounds.

• Adult day passes will increase from \$4 to \$6.

• Child passes will increase from \$4 to \$6.

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Court rejects man's double jeopardy appeal

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Court of Appeals has rejected the argument of a man convicted of trafficking marijuana, who contends the case should be dismissed because it amounts to double jeopardy, due to an earlier cocaine charge.

Robert Louis Wilhelm was arrested in 1995 with 75 pounds of marijuana and charged with trafficking. At the time, he was on supervised release for a federal charge of cocaine possession.

Because of the arrest, he was

found to be in violation of the release and ordered in 1st District Court in the Panhandle to serve a two-year term in federal prison.

But he filed a motion to dismiss, arguing the trafficking charge represented double jeopardy. Wilhelm said he already had served time in federal prison for the same conduct that was the basis of the state charge.

He also stated the Idaho State Tax Commission had seized \$2,500 from him during the arrest, which served as punishment for the crime.

The state ultimately added one count of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and a persistent-violator sentence enhancement.

Under a plea agreement, Wilhelm unconditionally pleaded guilty to trafficking in marijuana and being a persistent violator.

The trial court handed him a life sentence with a 7.5-year minimum term and assessed a \$50,000 fine.

The \$2,500 seized from him stemmed from the Idaho illegal

Drug Stamp Tax, in which drug dealers who do not buy the state stamp may have their property seized. Wilhelm called it punishment for the same offense.

But the appellate court said it would not take up the double jeopardy issue because Wilhelm waived it with his guilty plea. It added the sentence could have been much worse, given nine misdemeanor convictions, imprisonment for cocaine and assault on a federal officer by trying to drive over him at the Spokane, Wash. airport.

LDS temple to open in Houston later this month

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) - The second temple in the state for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be dedicated in Houston this month and will serve Mormons in south, central and east Texas.

Construction of the 34,000-square-foot temple in northwest Houston cost \$17 million. The temple will be open to the public for tours until Aug. 27, when it will be dedicated and blessed.

After that, only Mormons who have been recommended by their bishop will be allowed to enter, said regional president Rex Pinegar, who oversees church operations in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and part of Missouri.

Only 97 Mormon temples have been built worldwide, including one in Dallas.

Temples are different and more sacred than Mormon chapels, where church members gather on Sundays for worship. Worldwide there are about 17,000 chapels.

"The temple is a sacred place, not a secret place," Pinegar told journalists and Mormons seeing the temple for the first time last week. "If it were secret, we wouldn't have you here."

For years Mormons have traveled to Dallas or outside the state for sacred family oriented ceremonies, such as sanctified matrimony, that are performed in temples.

Mormons believe relationships consecrated in a Mormon temple are eternal, Pinegar said.

Mill layoffs take their toll in Benewah County

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A recent round of mill layoffs in northern Idaho may hurt the worst in Benewah County and its traditional timber economy.

Logging and wood products manufacturing make up about 25 percent of the nonfarm jobs.

Regulus Sturd Mill in St. Maries laid off 85 of its 100 workers 2.5 weeks ago. The Potlatch Corp. has cut 21 employees at its St. Maries plywood operation.

Overall, there are an estimated 179 fewer mill and logging jobs in the county than last year at this time, said Kathryn Tacke, state labor analyst.

"It affects everyone eventually. We all struggle together," said Jack Buell, a Benewah County commissioner who runs a trucking firm, mostly hauling logs.

"This is the time of year the bulk of these people make all of their money," Buell said. "If they don't make it now, the rest of the year is really hard."

Logging and mill jobs in the Panhandle have dropped in

recent weeks to their lowest levels since 1957.

About 750 fewer timber industry workers are on the job now than last August, when many operations were still adding people, Tacke said.

Industry experts blame the low prices on sluggish sales of new homes and a glut of wood products on the market.

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distribute it, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. He was also charged with possessing seven pounds of cocaine, which contain cocaine, a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Stark declined to comment Friday and his attorney, Deven Coggins, was unavailable.

During the investigation, Stark told officers he is of Iroquois ancestry and that he is empowered by his church - and federal law - to conduct peyote rituals.

The biggest job losses in northern Idaho came last month when Crown Pacific scattered its Coeur d'Alene sawmill indefinitely and Louisiana Pacific Corp. began a 30-day shutdown of its Chico and Sandpoint plants. About 310 workers were affected.

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Self-described American Indian faces drug charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Federal drug charges have been filed against a self-proclaimed American Indian - medicine man who allegedly planned to distribute peyote, an hallucinogenic plant.

The charges could lead to a precedent-setting court battle over freedom of religion.

Weber County prosecutors charged 49-year-old Nick Stark on Friday, nearly a month after police seized 3,500 peyote buttons at Stark's Ogden Canyon Home on July 8.

Stark had been hosting an all-night prayer ceremony inside a teepee for the Oklevueha Earth Walks chapter of the Native American Church. A woman

attending the gathering alerted police, alleging she had been held against her will and forced to eat it.

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Police charge Utah man with assaulting girl at resort

MESQUITE, Nev. (AP) - A Utah man has been charged with the sexual assault of an 8-year-old girl at a Mesquite resort.

Mesquite Deputy Police Chief Joe Szalay, 52, of St. George was charged Friday with kidnapping and lewdness with a minor under the age of 14.

A man approached a girl at an

arcade at the Oasis on July 27.

"He offered her some money for help with his groceries," Szalay said.

The girl accompanied the man to a secluded spot outside the resort, where she was fondled and then released, Szalay said.

The Oasis security staff provided police with surveillance video of the abduction.

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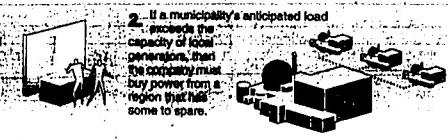


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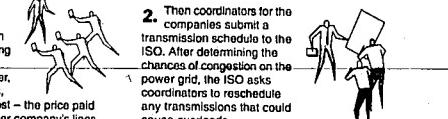
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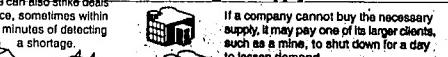
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Shuffling the supply

3. At the agreed upon time, the power "package" is delivered. Companies can also strike deals on short notice, sometimes within minutes of detecting a shortage.



- If a company cannot buy the necessary supply, it may pay one of its larger clients, such as a mine, to shut down for a day to lessen demand.

- A more drastic step is to deprive some areas of power in order to maintain others by causing rotating blackouts or brownouts — temporary sags in power.

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Sources: Sandia National Laboratories, California Independent System Operator

With California's power grid straining, officials urge rebellion

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With California's power grid strained to the breaking point and customers outraged over soaring bills, angry politicians are urging a "ratepayer rebellion" to challenge the industry in the nation's first deregulated electric market.

California's top utility regulators, after hearing the complaints of consumers whose bills have doubled and even tripled this year, proposed a \$100 million rebate for electricity consumers in San Diego, the city worst hit by the state's power crisis.

The commission's unanimous vote followed a two-hour hearing before more than 300 people in a jammed auditorium, in which deregulation was denounced as a human and fiscal disaster. Nobody spoke in support of deregulation.

Moments after the vote, officials who had come to the meeting from San Diego said the action by the Public Utilities Commission was too little, too late, and urged customers to refuse to pay more than what they paid a year ago.

"It is starting here, it is starting now. It is a ratepayer rebellion," said San Diego Supervisor Dianne

Jacob. "We're telling people to go back to paying what they did in July 1999. What can they do? There are 3 million of us."

She added: "We are on the brink of disaster."

Power grid areas in New England and New York had similar strains on electricity management in early June. But California is in particular trouble because its growing tech industry has sharply increased demand.

Patrick Robinson, spokesman for California's Independent System Operator, which coordinates power sharing between utilities, said California's energy deregulation hasn't worked smoothly in conjunction with other traditionally regulated states.

"If you deregulate in California and your neighbors haven't, you've got a lot of different systems out there," he said.

A population boom in places like Phoenix has diminished the amount of power California can import from the Southwest. And in the Pacific Northwest, where the Bonneville dam wholesales power to western states, water has

been diverted this summer for such things as salmon runs.

High demand and tight supplies mean higher prices — particularly in San Diego, the first area in the nation to purchase power in the open market.

In San Diego and a slice of southern Orange County served by San Diego Gas and Electric Co., bills have jumped 200 percent in some areas, due to factors including deregulation, a sweltering summer and increased power consumption across the Southwest.

Deregulation wasn't supposed to work this way. A complex 1996 state law sought to boost competition in the state's \$20 billion electric power industry, then pass on the expected savings to customers.

The law will be phased in gradually, from south to north. The state's largest utility, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., is expected to join deregulation by 2002.

The law, signed by former Gov. Pete Wilson, was generally supported by the electrical industry but viewed with suspicion by consumer groups.

Student suspended at BYU for MTV role may attend U of U

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The Brigham Young University student who was suspended after appearing on MTV's "Real World" may end up at BYU's archrival — the University of Utah.

Julie Stoffer, 21, a business major from Delafield, Wis., was suspended for the fall semester for breaking BYU's honor code. The Mormon church-owned university prohibits single students from living with members of the opposite sex.

Stoffer lived with four men and two other women in New Orleans during the show's filming, which lasted five months.

She announced Saturday that she would not go back to BYU and would seek another university.

Her father, Jim Stoffer, said Thursday that he had sent her

transcript to Utah and has been in contact with Utah administrators regarding getting a scholarship and transferring credits.

He said someone from the University of Utah called him first.

"They expressed an interest in the heat of all this," he said. "They called and talked to my wife and said, 'Hey, we'd like to have her (Julie) up here.'"

Calls to the University of Utah's financial aid office and public information office were not returned Thursday.

Carri P. Jenkins, BYU spokeswoman, said if Julie Stoffer wants to attend Utah, that's fine and "We wish her well."

Jim Stoffer said he would like his daughter to attend Utah as it would keep her among Mormons.

B The family of Dennis Ricketts wishes to thank those who participated in the golf tournament; all the congregations, prayer groups, and individuals who lifted him up in prayer for healing after his accident; and everyone who telephoned, sent cards, visited, and the many acts of kindness and assistance that have been extended to us. The support and concern has been awesome.

It is so appreciated.
God Bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ricketts
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ricketts and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Ricketts and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Dion Ricketts and family.
Brandon Ricketts

Sound and feeling of Hells Canyon trip captured on CD

LEWISTON (AP) — It seems like an unlikely match: one of the world's premier hard rock drummers and a Lewiston native who has produced new-age music and videos.

But Paul Speer, who graduated from Lewiston High School in 1970, said his Queensryche drummer Scott Rockenfield and he, and his wife, have created a unique sound.

The two teamed up to write, perform and produce the compact disc "Hells Canyon," a musical impression of the Snake River and Hells Canyon.

The CD features Rockenfield on the drums and Speer on the guitar. Both musicians play keyboards on some tracks.

Rockenfield wanted to expand beyond Queensryche into other forms of music. Speer explained. "The two of us make a great team."

A mutual friend introduced Rockenfield and Speer in 1992. They discovered they were fans of each other's music. After kicking around a few ideas, the two created the music video album, "Teleview," which was nominated for a Grammy in 1999.

Speer describes "Hells Canyon" as a combination of improvisation and clear-cut melodies.

The first short introductory piece, titled "Descent," pulls the listener into the canyon with sounds of running water and thunder.

"Descent" creates the atmosphere then all hell breaks loose," Speer said.

"Descent" propels the listener seamlessly into the second track, "Seven Devils," a fast-paced piece that makes listeners feel as if they are shooting a stretch of rapids on the Snake.

The more aggressive tracks are arranged at the beginning of the album, eventually ending with the mellow "Carved in Stone."

"The energy moves downward as you get deeper into the record, and I like that flow," Speer said.

The 11 track titles draw on well-known points on the river

river tour two years ago. While Speer spent his childhood on the river fishing with his father and water-skiing with his brothers, a trip up the canyon with his girlfriend gave him a new perspective.

"When I was a tourist, I saw it through my girlfriend's eyes. I experienced vicariously through her, and I had a whole new sense of wonder about the place."

While Speer has produced more than 90 albums at his studio in Bellvue, Wash., and created nine albums as a performer, "Hells Canyon" is the first time he has forsaken a record company. Speer is producing "Hells Canyon" under his own label, Rainforest Records.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“

I went down with Kevin Mitchell standing over me, and when I woke up there were 18 Kevin Mitchells.

”

Sokano Steelhead owner Bruce Portner, after being punched in the face by former National League MVP Kevin Mitchell during a break in a Western League game

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who had the most combined RBI and runs scored in a major league season?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball

State A Tournament at Lewiston

Golf

Idaho Seniors Championships, at Burley City Golf Course

IN BRIEF

District IV volleyball officials begin

TWIN FALLS — The mandatory volleyball state rules clinic for all high school coaches and officials will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls High School. For more information, call Sharon Lutkehus at 543-4470.

Jerome High schedules boys' soccer tryouts

JEROME — Tryouts for Jerome High School boys' fall soccer will be held Aug. 14-17 from 6-8 p.m. each day at Horizon Elementary School.

For more information, call head coach Vince Gloson at 735-0176.

TFHS holds boys, girls soccer tryouts

TWIN FALLS — Tryouts and practice for the inaugural Twin Falls High School boys' and girls' soccer seasons will be Aug. 14-19 at Ascension Field.

All players in grades 9 through 12 are invited to come out for thearsity and junior varsity teams. The boys' teams will have two-a-day practices beginning Monday, Aug. 14 through Aug. 18 from 8-10:30 a.m. and again from 5:30-7 p.m. Girls will practice from 6-8 p.m. each day and all players must bring shoes and balls and have physicals on file with the school district.

For more information, call girls' coach Steve Schmid at 736-8735 (day), 734-8277 (home) or boys' JV coach Brahma Faye at 733-8641.

Rupert CC holds golf scramble on Wednesday

RUPERT — The Third Annual St. Nicholas School Golf Scramble and Cookout will be Aug. 9 at Rupert Country Club.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes 18 holes of golf and a cookout. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Players can sign up individually or as a team. For more information, call Russ Wright at 436-6675.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Babe Ruth, with 348 in 1921. Ruth had 171 RBI and 177 runs.

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Sports editor: Jeff Rosen, 733-0931, Ext. 229 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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Buhl bumps Wolverines to consolation round

By John Derr
Times-News writer

LEWISTON — Buhl and Wood River traveled over 400 miles to do something they have done seven times this Legion season — with most of their games epic battles from two of the top teams in the state.

Saturday, they did not disappoint. Story of the night — Buhl's Seth Mathews and Tyler Niemi from Wood River — put on masterful performances, but in the end, it was the little mistakes that cost the Wolverines and sent the Tribe into the

Day 2
Boise Gems 7, Couer d'Alene 6
(Couer d'Alene eliminated)
Lewis-Clark 7, Boise Barons 3
(Barons eliminated)
Buhl 5, Wood River 2
Prairie 7, Boise Capitals 2 (6)

championship semifinals of the Class A American Legion state tournament with a 5-2 victory.

In consolation games, the Boise Gems

scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to eliminate the Couer d'Alene Lumberjacks 7-6, while the host Lewis-Clark Cubs built an early lead and were never threatened as they sent home one of the pre-tournament favorites the Boise Barons 7-3.

In the late game, it was the Prairie Cardinals from Post Falls leading the Boise Capitals 7-2 in the sixth inning.

Buhl 5, Wood River 2

The game was tied 2-2 early, but three Wood River errors gave Buhl the lead after

five. In the seventh, a fielding error and a few mutual errors put two more runs on the board for the Tribe.

The Wolverines did not go quietly, however, putting the tying run at the plate in the seventh. But the Tribe defense stepped up and shut down the rally.

"I didn't have any of my off-speed stuff. The defense did it and the bats," said Mathews, who earned his third straight victory over the Wolverines.

"This win is really big. We came out ready-to-play. They made great plays and

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RUNNING WILD



LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Amanda Blastock of Twin Falls emerges from the water to complete the first leg of the Twin Falls Triathlon Saturday at Dierkes Lake. Blastock finished the swim in 20 minutes, 48 seconds then waited as her teammates Terry Patterson and Mike Nielsen completed the second and third legs. The trio finished in 1 hour, 37 minutes, 17 seconds for first place in the combined team division.

Local athletes take on Dierkes Lake and triathlon

By Holly Keyt
Times-News writer

ture, but the bike was really easy."

Smith led the women's field coming out of the water, but lost a little time on the bicycle.

Kathy Morell paced the second leg, before Smith came back on the run to finish with a time of 2 hours, 1 minute, 54 seconds, just over a minute ahead of Morell (2:03:00).

"We're both from Ketchum, so I race against her a lot," said Morell of Smith. "This is a great course, it's just a little lonely. It needs more people."

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"The swim was great," said Head Smith, of Ketchum, after taking first place in the women's division. "The run was an adventure."

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the men's race in all three stages to finish in 1:52.37. Twin Falls' Jeff Geist came in second (1:54.13).

As the triathletes exited the warm waters of Dierkes Lake, they quickly changed into bike gear before heading up the canyon. Upon returning, most of the participants struggled with quivering legs as they made the transition to running shoes.

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It went "pretty smooth," Crawford said. "There were volunteers clapping and cheering at points. It felt pretty good to have all that help."

On the team side, 14-year-old Amanda Blastock was the first woman out of the water. Her team of bicyclist Terry Patterson and runner Mike Nielsen finished and runner Mike Nielsen finished

in third place.

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Labonte cruises at Brickyard 400

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — On a day when his older brother's remarkable streak ended, Bobby Labonte came up with the biggest win of his career.

Labonte played the hunter to perfection Saturday at the Brickyard 400, stalking Rusty Wallace until it was time to win.

He made his move 15 laps from the end of the 160-lap race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, pulling alongside Wallace and等着 to take the lead for good.

It was easily the most important of Labonte's 14 wins, and it came as brother Terry failed to start for the first time in 656 races. Terry Labonte's NASCAR record streak ended because of the recurring effects of a concussion from a crash last month.

The usually low-key Labonte jumped out of his car and climbed onto the top, throwing his arms in the air in jubilation.

He then jumped to the ground and hugged teammate Tony Stewart, crew chief Jimmy Makar, his wife Donna and just about anybody on the team he

met along the way.

"I can't think of a better day," the nearly breathless winner said. "My brother, I wish he was out there. And to beat a great driver like Rusty Wallace, it was just awesome."

Terry, who watched the race from the pits while his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet was driven by Todd Bodine, spent the day wearing headphones and keeping track of his brother and his own car.

The victory ended a run of frustration for Bobby. Despite hold-

ing the lead in the Winston Cup standings virtually all season, he hadn't won since February in Rockingham, N.C.

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TWIN FALLS — It's quiet now, save for the industrial polishers glossing the floor of the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

But it's been anything but still for the past 2.5 months as the Eagles men's basketball team has been steadily preparing for a return run at the junior college national championship.

Call it basketball hoops school.

During the crucial summer recruiting period, the team left during August, seconded by head coach Zeck and assistants Brian Hancock and Jay Cyriac have been busy assembling the pieces for the upcoming season's version of their JUCO juggernaut.

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Catching up with Zeck

Summer produces strong CSI hopes for return to dominance

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

NJCAA national tournament.

And though all don't report to CSI until Aug. 28 — the first day of the fall quarter — most of the 2000-01 team has been on campus for school and workouts under a host of watchful eyes, including a cavalcade of NCAA

coaches.

"It's been nuts," Zeck said, as he answers yet another blitz of cell phone calls.

"I mean, I would probably say that every school in America has probably seen play this summer."

Besides the Utahs and Wyomings of the world hanging out in CSI's gym, the team has taken two excursions to so-called "showcase" camps in Tulsa, Okla., and Northridge, Calif.

Funding for the trips came from a car wash the team held in July along with donations from

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NASCAR driver Bobby Labonte, foreground, moves away from Rusty Wallace after taking the lead in lap 246 of the Brickyard 400 Saturday. Labonte held on to the lead to win the race.

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SPORTS

Lead changes mark exciting action at rodeo

The Times-News

RUPERT — Friday night's performance saw five lead changes in eight different events and brought an exciting close to the Minidoka County Rodeo at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert.

Bareback rider Toby Miller started the action with a 71-point ride in Friday's opening event.

Later in the evening, Mark Gage took over the lead in the saddle bronc competition with a 61-point ride.

Although no changes were seen in the calf roping, breakaway roping and steer wrestling, tonight's final three events all featured new leaders. Angelle Barnes had a 7.3-second transition with a run of 17.376 seconds-in-the-barrel-racing. The time was more than three-tenths of a second-faster than her nearest competitor. Then, in the team roping, Clint

Williams and Jason Warner clocked a time of 6.3 seconds to win the event by more than a second over Dirk Jim and Clint Walker. Last, Roffe River's Chase Erickson scored 74 points in the bull riding to beat Murtaugh's Russ Pyne by one point and Buhl's Ben Kimball by two.

Minidoka County Fairgrounds

Bull riding results

1 Troy Miller 71.2 T. Perez Pachon, Russ Pyne & C. Walker

Spreading leg, 5.9. Hestrelle 6 & Dan Schutte 8.1

2 Bucky Brown 70.1 Kahl Chapman 14 & C. Hossong 12.4 John Roundtree 13 & Chay Pendleton 18.2

3 Kirby Cook 32.72 Ryan Hersey 3.2 C. Jod Cook 34.4

Steve Part 3.0 T. Tell Laddie 3.6

4 Matt Gage 61.1 Daren Stoen 3.2 John Olson 5.0

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6 Andy Drane 41.2 Brad Drane 41.5 C. Scott Sesters 7.2 T. J. Westhues 7.3 Jimmy Santoku 10.5

7.5 Angie Barnes 17.376 J. Hobbs 17.000 3. Jason Eby 17.000 4. Jerry Roddy 17.32 5. Salina Johnson 17.777

8.1 Chay Pendleton 70.1 Russ Pyne 72.3 K. Kehell 72.4 C. L. Spreen 70.2 Sean Gill 61.1



MATT PETERSON/The Times-News

Rupert's Jerem Koepnick loses his hold during the bareback competition Friday night at the Minidoka County Rodeo. Toby Miller won the event with a 71-point ride.

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so did we."

The teams got their first two runs in similar fashion. Buhl, who was held to four runs and five hits in his first game Friday, got the bats going early with three first-inning singles.

Sonny Thornborow reached on a fielder's choice and T.J. Cline followed with a single before Sean Van Elderen singled to load the bases. Cody Chandler's fielder's choice sent Thornborow home, and a wild pitch plated Cline.

Wood River, who shined at the plate Friday, got one back in the first. James Cordes blasted a triple, then scored.

On a fielder's choice, Matt Zachary, Friday's winning pitcher for the Wolverines, singled and came home on a passed ball.

The Tribe could not get anything going for the next two innings while Wood River stranded two in each frame.

In the fifth, Buhl took the lead for good. Mathews reached on an

error, then with one out, Thornborow singled into center. The fielder mishandled the ball, and Mathews, who had been held, rushed home to give the Tribe a 3-2 advantage.

Buhl gave itself some breathing room in the seventh. It could have been more if not for a pair of runners being thrown out.

Ryan Wagner singled to open the inning and Mathews bunted down the line looking to have the throw beat.

It didn't matter though as the ball went over the first baseman's head scoring Wagner. Mathews was later thrown out trying to get home on another passed ball.

Later in the inning, Cory Hamilton walked, but was caught trying to make it to third on Thornborow's fielder's choice. Cline singled and Thornborow scored at third. Wood River tried to put Cline on base when he made a wide turn at first and Thornborow didn't see anyone watching him and took off for home, barely beating the throw.

"It was my idea," Thornborow said. "The play was close at first and the infield wasn't watching me so I took off."

Wood River got a leadoff single by Max Paisley and had two runners on, but the Tribe got three ground outs to end the game.

"We got a few breaks and hit it when it counted," said Buhl coach Lee Cline. "We need to keep this in perspective. It's not the championship, but it's big. We need to keep playing good defense."

It is now up to the Wolverines to repeat their effort at district when they lost to Buhl in the second round and came back through the consolation.

"We had a couple mistakes that came back to bite us. It was tied and I thought we had the momentum, but we couldn't get the big hit," said Wood River coach Matt Nelson.

"Don't ever count us out."

As if the Wolverines needed any more inspiration, following the game, the public address

announcer mistakenly said he hoped Wood River enjoyed their stay in Lewiston thinking they had been eliminated.

Several people made it clear that the Wolverines were not yet done.

Wood River opens consolation play today taking on the Boise Gems at 6 p.m. followed by Lewis-Clark and Prairie/Biois Capital loser at 1 p.m., Buhl and the Prairie/Biois Capital winner tangle at 5 p.m. to be the lone remaining undefeated team.

The winner of the first two games finishes the day at 8 p.m. as the eight-team field is whirled down to the final three.

Buhl, Wood River & Prairie/Biois Capital loser play at 6 p.m.

Mathews and Hamer, Nas and Buhl vs. McRae's L-Hcs Jr. 1-Hcs 10:30 a.m.

Lewis-Clark & Prairie/Biois Capital winner play at 5 p.m.

Wood River & Prairie/Biois Capital loser play at 7 p.m.

Boise Gems 7, Cline 4

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Lewis-Clark 7, Boise/Biois 3

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"That last hole was a big disappointment," Lutz said. "I was in perfect birdie-position, but I was nervous with the wind coming in that a sand wedge would be risky for judging how hard to hit it, so I decided to hit a knock-down sand wedge. I just pulled it hard, and left myself with a tough putt."

More damaging, however, was the two-shot swing on the leader board.

"Two shot back is going to be tough to catch up," Lutz said.

"I figure I'm going to have to make those bogies that I made today and shoot 67 or something to have a chance tomorrow."

In the women's championship flight, Twin Falls' Virginia Undheim carded a 7-over-par 82 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Doris Ellingham into today's final round.

Defending champion Wilma

Shockert of Rupert, stands seven strokes back after a first-day score of 89.

Undheim, who started her round with five straight pars, began to come apart near the turn.

"I started out really good," Undheim said. Then I got really distracted on that three par (7). Somebody came walking up behind me and said something and I just never got my mind back. I just kind of went to hell

in a hand basket there for a while."

Making the turn at 3-over, Undheim had the back nine at 4-over, including a double bogey at 11, to finish 7-over on the day.

As for taking the lead into the final day of a tournament she's won more times than many have entered, Undheim said she's more concerned with playing her best game than protecting a lead.

"I don't care what happens tomorrow," she said. "I just want to play a good round of golf - win, lose or draw. I don't care. I just want to have a good round of golf like I know I will."

Play begins this morning at 9:30 with a shotgun start.

Major State Senior Championships results
Men (gross scores only)
1. Lewi Hensley 72 L, Bob Lutz 73 L, Garen Beasley 72 T-4
Tom Robinson, Dan Cooper, Walter Ulmering, Kyle Toggin 73
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Tom Robinson, Dan Cooper, Walter Ulmering, Kyle Toggin 73
1. John Brown, Bob McRae 72 L, Jerry Lovell 75 T-4, Phil Farny, Randy Kuhn, Bob Parham 76

BASEBALL

American League Boxes

ROYALS 7, RED SOX 5

KANSAS CITY 10 BOSTON 5

Fenway Park, Boston, Mass., July 29

Attendance: 35,000

Wally Joyner 1b; Matt Stairs 2b; Mike Sweeney 3b; Mike

Drew Stubbs 4b; Mike Lieberthal 5b; Mike

McGraw 6b; Mike Sweeney 7b; Mike

Trotter 8b; Mike Sweeney 9b; Mike

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SPORTS



THE HEIRS APPARENT

NFL looks to youngsters at QB

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Peyton Manning was asked if the retirements of John Elway, Dan Marino and Steve Young make him one of the NFL's top QBs or just one of the top young ones.

"I think I'm at the top of the young guys," replied Manning, who doubles as a football historian. "I still have a lot to learn."

When Kurt Warner, the former Arena Leaguer who led the Rams to the NFL title last season, was asked the same question, he said: "You have to do it for more than one year."

A lot of humility for the two most visible quarterbacks last season. For with those high-profile retirements in the last two years, there might be talent at quarterback, but there sure isn't much star quality.

Just Brett Favre, Mark Brunell, Drew Bledsoe and an aging Troy Aikman are up there with Manning and Warner. Six second-year players who will start at quarterback this season carry the league's hopes for producing a new crop of stars at the position.

But some NFL veterans insist it's always been this way.

"People think that everyone used to have great quarterbacks," Colts president Bill Polian says.

"Not so. If you look back 30 years or so, when there were just 12 teams, there were maybe a handful of guys who were top flight and the rest were average. Remember 1963? The Bears, won an NFL title with Bill Wade at quarterback. Bill Wade!"

Here's a look at the current QB crop as appraised by a dozen general managers, coaches and scouts:

THE BEST: "I'm only 75 percent of where I should be," says Manning, who led the Colts from 3-13 to 6-3 in his second season. Based on last season, he is the top star, along with Warner, who was

recently rewarded with a seven-year, \$46.5 million contract.

The others:

Although his last two seasons didn't measure up to three straight MVP years in Green Bay, Favre remains at the top. He played all of last year with a thumb injury and his supporting cast was good.

Bledsoe is hampered by New England's lack of a running game but demonstrated in 1998 that he can win in late-game situations. Most of those questioned agree that he belongs at the top even though he'll never be a superstar.

Brunell needs that breakthrough Super Bowl appearance but his injury prone. He's one of the best when healthy and adds mobility to the mix.

Aikman, who has three Super Bowl rings, is on the downside. He will turn 34 in November and is concussion prone. Still, he retains the glamour of Super Bowls past and quarterbacking the Cowboys still counts for something.

Steve McNair might be ready to join this group under the tutelage of Mike Heimerdinger, the Titans' new offensive coordinator. He was good enough to take Tennessee to a Super Bowl last season and nearly tied it in the final moments.

THE SOPHOMORES: Tim Couch of Cleveland, Akili Smith of Cincinnati, Donovan McNabb of Philadelphia, Cade McNown of



Steve McNair

Chicago, Daunte Culpepper of Minnesota and Shaun King of Tampa Bay.

All four but Culpepper played a lot last season and all will start this year.

The consensus is that McNabb and perhaps Smith can be stars and Couch can develop into a solid QB like Bledsoe.

The one carrying the most pressure might be King, a second-round choice who took over late last season and almost got the

Bucs to the Super Bowl. The team wants a title now and has added more offense, including Keyshawn Johnson, one of the league's top receivers.

VETERAN JOURNEYMAN: Chris Chandler of Atlanta, Vinny Testaverde of the Jets, Steve Beuerlein of Carolina, Brad Johnson of Washington, Elvis Grbac of Kansas City, Jeff Blake of New Orleans, Jim Harbaugh of San Diego.

All have had success, notably Chandler's run to the Super Bowl with Atlanta two seasons ago. All are injury prone and Blake's probably just a very good backup who has to start now.

PROMISING, BUT ...: Charlie



Tim Couch

Batch of Detroit, Jake Plummer of Arizona, Rob Johnson of Buffalo, Tony Banks of Baltimore, Brian Griese of Denver, Jon Kitna of Seattle.

Batch showed considerable promise as a rookie in 1998, spent most of last season hurt and now has a knee injury that will sideline him until September.

Plummer looked sensational for two years and was awful last season. He also seems injury prone.

The Bills got Rob Johnson in a trade, then signed him to a \$25 million, five-year contract. He got hurt, lost his job to Doug Flutie then got it back for the playoffs last season. With Flutie out until at least September, he has a big burden.

Griese's problem is that he's in Denver, where no one can match Elway's 17 seasons. Some scouts think he'll be fine if the Broncos shorten their pass patterns to accommodate his weaker arm.

Kitna is a work-in-progress. Even his own coaches don't know if he's the long-term answer.

THE BUSTS: It's hard to remember that some thought Ryan Leaf, not Manning, was the most-talented QB in the 1998 draft. Leaf is back with San Diego, his shoulder is supposedly healed and he's said to have become an adult.

They said that about George, too. Chances are that if he succeeds, it will be elsewhere.

Others:

Kerry Collins had two good years in Carolina, then flamed out. He's starting for the Giants now, but with his problems on alcohol, and at 27, has plenty of time to reach his career. Polian, who drafted him for the Panthers, thinks he'll be fine. Others think Collins is turnover-prone and insecure.

Pittsburgh's Kordell Stewart, "Slash," one of the NFL's bright young stars of the mid-90s, is coming off two terrible seasons.

Stewart lost his job last year to 38-year-old Mike Tomczak and is competing for his job with Kent Polian, the ultimate journeyman back-up.



Kordell Stewart

NFL tests 'Noise Exterminators'

As part of an NFL experiment, five players each from the New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings wore high-tech hearing aids called "Noise Exterminators" during their exhibition game at the Metrodome on Saturday night.

NFL officials think the tiny device, worn like a hearing aid, will help players hear quarterback snap counts through the fan noise.

Four Saints offensive linemen — Tom Ackerman, Jason McEndoo, Marcus Price and Daryl Terrell — and tight end Austin Whitley will wear the aids. Five Vikings players will also have the devices.

Ravens

Two weeks into training camp, the Baltimore Ravens have already lost running back Jamal Lewis and three wide receivers to injuries.

So, when the Ravens opened their preseason schedule Saturday night against the Philadelphia Eagles, their main focus was to avoid more injuries.

Lewis, the No. 5 pick in the draft, dislocated his elbow on the



Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez (88) grabs a pass in the end zone and scores a touchdown in the first quarter against the Tennessee Titans on Saturday.

first play of the Ravens' scrimmage against the Washington Redskins last week.

The Ravens are also without wide receivers Patrick Johnson (shoulder), Kendrick Nord (ankle) and Marcus Nash (jaw).

Swann sues Cardinals for \$3.5M

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Eric Swann has filed a \$3.5 million grievance against the Arizona Cardinals concerning the way he was released.

Swann's agent, Steve Zucker, said Saturday that the defensive end contends he was injured when Arizona released him last month and therefore should not have been let go.

Swann, now with the Carolina Panthers, has arthritic knees and has undergone seven knee operations during his career.

"When a player is injured he should not be released, and if he is, he is entitled to compensation," Zucker said.

Under NFL rules, Swann had 25 days after his release to file the grievance. He beat the deadline by one day when Zucker filed the complaint late Friday night.

The action means the Cardinals automatically must set

aside \$1.75 million — half the amount Swann is seeking — until the grievance is resolved. The money counts against Arizona's salary cap.

Swann, 29, will also file a workers' compensation suit against Arizona — and possibly a malpractice suit — next week, Zucker said.

The Cardinals, who played host to the Denver Broncos on Saturday night, couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The worker's compensation suit will center around claims that Swann was forced to play when he was too injured and Arizona routinely questioned the severity of Swann's knee problems.

Swann signed a one-year deal with Carolina two weeks after Arizona released him for the league minimum for veterans. Zucker said Swann's knee problems prevented him from passing Carolina's physical, but Swann

agreed to sign a waiver that allows him to play for the Panthers.

Clemmons becomes Saints' latest casualty

MINNEAPOLIS — This time, the New Orleans Saints didn't even make it through warmups intact.

Middle linebacker Charlie Clemmons strained his right Achilles' tendon and was carted off the field about half an hour before the Saints' exhibition against the Minnesota Vikings at the Metrodome on Saturday night.

He was replaced in the starting lineup by Phil Clark.

The Saints lost three players — tight end Cam Cleland, cornerback Steve Israel and safety Rob Kelly — in their first preseason game last weekend against the New York Jets.

Hawks pound Colts; Steelers win

NFL Preseason

PIATTBURGH (AP) — Chris Muammar-Mafatali, seemingly the forgotten man in Pittsburgh's backfield, scored the Steelers' only touchdown and set up Kris Brown's winning field goal with a 50-yard run in a 13-10 comeback presenion victory over the Miami Dolphins on Saturday night.

The Dolphins ushered in the post-Dan Marino era by going without a touchdown until the third quarter, an inept performance offset by an even more dismal showing of a still-fumbling Steelers offense that finished with minus-5 yards passing.

Muammar-Mafatali provided about the only offensive excitement, scoring the tying touchdown on a 3-yard run with 6:41 left, then running 50 yards to the 15 before Brown's 21-yard game-winner with 1:34 remaining.

Jim Druckenmiller, projected as Miami's third-team quarterback, did what starter Damon Huard couldn't, by leading a 7-yard drive for the game's first touchdown and a 10-3 Dolphins lead at 4:07 of the third.

Eagles

Linebacker Dan Brandenburg, signed as a free agent in the offseason, left the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I talked to his agent and he left for personal reasons," coach Andy Reid said Friday.

Brandenburg did not show up to practice Thursday and disappeared from the Lehigh University campus where the Eagles are holding summer training camp.

The 6-2, 255-pound linebacker signed a one-year contract with Philadelphia on March 3. He spent four seasons with the Buffalo Bills, playing primarily on special teams.

Ravens 16, Eagles 13

BALTIMORE — Shannon Sharpe caught a touchdown pass in his Baltimore debut, and the Ravens opened their preseason by beating the Philadelphia Eagles 16-13 Saturday night.

Matt Stover snapped a tie with a 42-yard field goal with 2:43 to go, and Anthony Poindexter sealed the win with an interception.

It was the ninth straight pre-season win over three seasons for the Ravens, who went 4-0 in both 1998 and 1999.

Seahawks 28, Colts 16

SEATTLE — Shaun Alexander, drafted to give veteran running back Ricky Watters some help, scored two touchdowns in his Seattle Seahawks' debut Saturday night in a 28-16 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

The Seahawks played their exhibition opener at University of Washington's Husky Stadium, where they will play their home games for two seasons after the implosion of the Kingdome March 26. A new \$430 million outdoor football stadium is being built for the team at the site of the Kingdome.

Alexander, the 19th pick in April from Alabama, tallied on a pair of inspiring 11-yard runs after the Colts (0-2) took a 7-0

lead. The defending AFC West champion Seahawks, who ended a 12-year playoff drought in coach Mike Holmgren's first year last season, went ahead to stay at 14-7 on a 25-yard touchdown drive to open the second half.

Alexander, a 5-foot-11, 218-pounder, scored on a run around left end when he faked out free safety Tony Blevins at the 6-yard line and went into the end zone standing up with 3:44 gone in the second half. Glenn Foley, Seattle's backup quarterback, had a 28-yard pass to rookie James Williams in the march.

Foley passed 3 yards to Darrell Jackson, another rookie, for a touchdown with 3:10 left in the third quarter to give Seattle a 21-7 lead.

In the final period, No. 3 quarterback Brock Huard scored on a 13-yard scramble and backup Colts quarterback Kelly Holcomb included 5 yards to free-agent rookie Trevor Insley for a touchdown.

Titans 14, Chiefs 10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans showed off new receiver Carl Pickens, and the AFC champions ended a pre-season losing slide to the Kansas City Chiefs with a 14-10 exhibition victory Saturday night.

Pickens practiced with the Titans for the first time only five days ago after signing a five-year, \$20 million contract. He picked up enough that he played with the starters for the first two series and caught two passes, including a 2-yarder from Steve McNair that tied the game at 7.

Rams 31, Raiders 17

ST. LOUIS — Kurt Warner was back in MVP form for the St. Louis Rams' pre-season opener Saturday night, producing a quick touchdown on his only drive in a 31-17 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

Warner, who threw 41 touch-down passes in the Rams' Super Bowl season, was in only seven plays but made them count. The Rams had the NFL in offense last year under coordinator Mike Martz, now-the-head-coach, and they opened with three passes.

Isaac Bruce and Warner con-

nected for a 26-yard score with 9:31 left in the first quarter, with Bruce slipping two tackles en route to the end zone. Bruce also caught a 21-yarder and Torry Holt caught a pair of 9-yards. The only completion was a dropped pass by Bruce.

Backup Bobby Hoyer played most of the game for Oakland, going 11-for-21 for 107 yards.

Bears 20, Giants 8

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mark Hartsell, attempting to get back into football after missing the last three seasons, guided Chicago to 10 third-quarter points in leading the Bears to a 20-8 pre-season win over the New York Giants on Saturday night. Hartsell, who got extra playing time because of an injury to quarterback Jim Miller, gave the Bears a 10-8 lead with a 3-yard touchdown pass to Macey Brooks, a score set up by linebacker Roosevelt Colvin's interception near midfield.

Hartsell, who has not played since being cut by the Washington Redskins in 1997, also set up a 43-yard field goal by Paul Edinger by hitting two passes for 19 yards and running twice for 14. The former Boston College product finished 8-for-11 for 90 yards.

Fourth-string Clint Dolezel added a 17-yard touchdown pass to former Giant Scott Drago, and Jason Hedges had a 24-yard field goal on Bears' scores set up by long returns against the Giants' special teams in the pre-season opener.

Brad Daluisio kicked field goals of 37 and 30 yards, and defensive tackle Christian Peter added a safety for New York.

Saints 25, Vikings 24

MINNEAPOLIS — Doug Brien's fourth field goal, a 49-yarder as time expired, lifted the New Orleans Saints to a 25-24 pre-season victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Saturday night.

The Vikings, after their fans were downcast even before the ball sailed through the uprights, Star receiver Randy Moss injured his left shoulder in the first half and left the Metrodome in the fourth quarter for an MRI.

Gary Anderson gave Minnesota a 24-22 lead with a 40-yard field goal with 1:29 left. But Brien, who was good from 36, 24 and 23 yards, nailed the 49-yarder.

SPORTS

Els wobbles but retains lead in International

CACHE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Despite faltering down the stretch, Ernie Els rode the strength of four early birdies Saturday to establish another tournament record and lengthen his lead in The International.

Els, who began the third round with a 6-point lead over Stuart Appleby, had 6 points Saturday for a total of 40, eclipsing the previous 54-hole record of 39 shared by Phil Mickelson and David Toms.

Els forged an 8-point lead over Mickelson and Greg Norman under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event.

The scoring system awards a player with 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for a birdie, zero for a par, minus-1 for a bogey and minus-3 for a double bogey or worse.

For the first time in three days, weather did not intervene. Lightning caused suspensions of play on Thursday and Friday, forcing 72 players to conclude their rounds Friday morning and 51 to finish their second rounds Saturday.

Norman had a 6-point round to get to 32, and Mickelson rallied into contention with seven birdies worth 14 points to match Norman's total.

Australia's Stuart Appleby and Spain's Sergio Garcia were at 30, and Edward Frysztak was at 28.

Els, whose 34 points after two rounds also set a tournament mark, gave his closest pursuers little cause for optimism, birdieing Nos. 2, 3, 8 and 10 to raise his total to 42 points for a 10-point advantage over Norman.

Els, five times a runnerup this season, suffered his first bogey since Thursday on the par-5 14th hole when he drove into the rough, pitched out and flew the green with a short iron, failing to get up and down.



South Africa's Ernie Els uses body English as he watches his second shot on the eighth hole during the third-round of the Qwest International Golf Tournament Saturday.

Els saved par after missing the green at No. 16. He drove into the gallery off the 18th fairway, reached the green with his iron shot but lipped out his second putt for another bogey.

Kane holds lead at Michelob Light Classic

EUREKA, Mo. — Lorrie Kane fired a 4-under-par 66 to take the lead after the second round of the LPGA Michelob Light Classic on Saturday.

Kane, who has never won on the LPGA tour, played her second bogey-free round at Fox Run Golf Club to put her at 10-under for the tournament and give her a two-shot lead over Rosie Jones.

Kane had six birdies, highlighted by a chip from the fringe on the 18th hole. Kane is the only player in the field not to have

made a bogey through two rounds of the 54-hole event.

Jones shot her second consecutive 68 to claim sole possession of second place at 8-under. Jones birdied two of her last three holes to shave Kane's lead in half.

Sally Dee is in third at 7-under.

Dougherty leads by a stroke in Burnet Classic

COON RAPIDS, Minn. — Ed Dougherty shot a 6-under-par 66 to take a one-stroke lead after the second round in the Coldwell Banker Burnet Classic on Saturday.

Dougherty, a four-time runner-up last year, has put himself in position for his first Senior victory. He has had 14 birdies and just one bogey in shooting a two-round total of 131 en route to a

36-hole tournament-record-of-13 under.

Among the prime obstacles for Dougherty in Sunday's final round will be Hale Irwin the 1997 and '99 Burnet champion. Irwin, Allen Doyle and Senior rookie Chuck Moran are one stroke back at 12-under in the hunt for the \$240,000 first-place prize.

Irwin's 5-under 67 was highlighted by a 50-foot birdie putt on No. 14. Irwin has played 10 consecutive subpar Burnet rounds at the Bunker Hills layout with a combined score of 51-under.

Tom McGinnis was alone in fifth place at 11 under. McGinnis, whose lone Senior win came in a 1999 playoff over Irwin at the BankBoston, birdied his final three holes to post a 65.

Gil Morgan shot a 68 and was in sixth place at 10 under.

Levy reaches final of Tennis Masters Series

TORONTO (AP) — Harel Levy celebrated his 22nd birthday by continuing his amazing run at the Tennis Masters Series-Canada tournament Saturday.

The qualifier from Israel advanced to the final with an exciting 63-16, 64-6 roller-coaster victory over Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic. Levy becomes

this event's first Israeli finalist and the first qualifier to reach the championship since 1983 when Sweden's Anders Jarryd accomplished the feat before losing to Ivan Lendl.

Levy will face Russia's Marat Safin, the No. 8 seed in today's final. Safin beat Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 62-57, 64-6 in a match in which Ferreira got involved in a dispute with chair umpire Rudi Berger.



Harel Levy, of Israel, keeps a close eye on the ball during his 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 win over Jiri Novak Saturday.

"This is the greatest feeling," Levy said. "It's like a dream come true, something I've been dreaming of since I was a little kid, since I started playing (at age 7)."

"I'm not going to have a big party because I have to play the

final, but I'm going to have a couple of drinks, that's for sure."

The last Israeli to win an ATP Tour singles title was Amos Mansdorf in 1993.

Venus stops Frazier, awaits Seles-Kournikova winner

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Venus Williams is proving to be unbeatable, even when her game is off.

Despite an inconsistent showing, Williams eliminated Amy Frazier 6-2, 6-3 Saturday in the semifinals of the \$535,000 Acura Classic for her 14th straight match victory.

Williams, ranked third in the world, will go after her third tournament title in a row in today's final. She'll face the winner of Saturday's late second semifinal, between Anna Kournikova and Monica Seles.

Williams had a 10-game winning streak when she extended the Williams' champion to three sets last week in the quarterfinals at the Bank of the West Classic. Williams prevailed, though, in a third-set tiebreaker, and went on to win the tournament.

Frazier, who upset top-ranked Martina Hingis in the quarterfinals, couldn't handle Williams' power.

"She hit the ball so hard," Frazier said. "I was just trying to stay in the points and she really wasn't letting me do anything. I sort of felt a little lost at times."

Frazier was barely competitive on a day when Williams made only 40 percent of her first serves and committed 28 unforced errors. Williams did, however, hit 27 winners to just three for the 26th-seeded Frazier.

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The news came just a day after the two owners had begun talks about a specially arranged head-to-head race between probably the best two colts outside of the United States.

Sheikh Mohammed, who described Dubai Millennium as the best racehorse he has ever owned, had challenged Montjeu's owner, Michael Tabor, to a \$6 million showdown.

Dubai Millennium won nine of his 10 races, with his only loss coming in the English Derby at Epsom this summer. He was scheduled to run in the Breeders Cup Classic at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., in early November.

Montjeu, winner of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot last week, remains on course to defend his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe title at Longchamps in early October.

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Yankee Paco, driven by Trevor Ritchie, wins the 75th Hambletonian Saturday, at Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, N.J.

However, Yankee Paco raced gamely without cover, took the lead shortly into the stretch and won impressively, giving Ritchie a win in his first drive in the Hambletonian.

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Colt Graeme Hall wins Jim Dandy stakes at Saratoga

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Graeme Hall took the lead at the top of the final stretch to win the \$400,000 Jim Dandy stakes at Saratoga by 1.75 lengths Saturday.

Graeme Hall, with Jerry Bailey, covered the 1 1/8 miles in 1 minute, 48.4 seconds to win the Grade II race.

Ritchie and Yankee Paco, who started from the No. 7 post, followed Legendary Lover K to the front. When Minor put his \$3,200 yearling purchase on the lead, Ritchie was forced to race without cover until the top of the stretch, a move that usually costs a horse dearly.

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Wet War: U.S. swim trials appeal to Aussies

By Mike Penner
Los Angeles Times

All eyes will be on Indianapolis this week — all things considered, all eyes are never on Indianapolis — but across the Pacific and a left turn down under a few dozen elite swimmers

and a few million aquatics fans will be monitoring results and electronic clockings from the Indiana Natatorium.

From the American perspective, the eight-day U.S. Olympic swim trials, which begin Wednesday, are a perfomance exercise, the requisite qualifying meet before the interesting stuff in Sydney in September.

From the Australian perspective, the enemy is about to assemble its starting lineup for the dual meet in Sydney.

Track and field may be the traditional mainstay of the Summer Olympics, but to the hosts of these Olympics, Marion Jones is but a sideshow because Jones does her 100-meter sprinting outside the pool.

Competitive swimming is a national obsession in Australia — and unlike track or gymnastics or boxing or soccer, Australia is a power in international swimming, ready this year with a swim team hailed as the best the country has ever produced.

The current Aussie swim team owns five world records — Ian Thorpe's 200- and 400-meter freestyle, Michael Klim in the men's 100 butterfly, Susie O'Neill in the women's 200 butterfly, Kieren Perkins in the men's 1,500 freestyle — with teammates Grant Hackett, Matt Welsh, Matthew Dunn and Perrin Thomas among the world leaders in their respective events.

But the United States remains the Murderer's Row of world swimming and the Aussies have been awaiting the arrival of Team USA's their pool deck since, oh, the day they were voted the 2000 Games in 1993.

Girding for what they are already touting as The Wet War, Australians will be tuned in to the U.S. trials, zeroing in on these events in particular.

Men's 100 freestyle: Neil Walker has finished second to Klim at the 1997 and 1999 Pan Pacific Championships and this year at the U.S. Spring Nationals, reeled off the third-fastest American time ever — 49.02 seconds — behind only world-record holder Matt Biondi and Gary Hall Jr.

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Marion Jones may be attempting to earn five medals at the games in Sydney, but she will only be a sideshow compared to the swimming events as far as the Aussies are concerned.

United States will throw into the pool-with-them. The top-two finishers in each individual event at the U.S.-trials qualify for the Olympics and that most likely means Josh Davis, who threatened Biondi's 12-year-old American record at the Spring Nationals, and three-time U.S. champion Chad Carvin.

Men's 400 freestyle: Thorpe rules these waters, having lowered his world record at the Australian Olympic trials this spring to 3 minutes, 55.30 seconds. Carvin and Tom Dolan are the only Americans to have broken 3:50 during the last three years.

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SPORTS

Big Red rolls into top preseason spot

Nebraska and FSU are early national champion favorites

The Associated Press

Just like every other college football fan, Nebraska coach Frank Solich was anxious to know how highly his Cornhuskers would be ranked to open the season.

"Well, they're No. 1 - and defending national champion Florida State is a close No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 pre-season college football poll."

Conspicuous by its absence is Notre Dame, unranked in the pre-season poll for the first time since 1986.

"We appreciate the fact that enough people think so highly of our program to put us at No. 1," Solich said. "We finished very strongly at the end of last year and felt we could play with anyone in the country. How it all plays out this year, we'll see."

The Huskers start on top for the sixth time since the AP's first pre-season poll in 1950. An ominous note for Nebraska fans, though: The Cornhuskers have won four AP national titles since then, but none in years they started No. 1.

Coming off a strong 12-1 season and No. 3 final ranking, the defending Big 12 champion Huskers received 36 first-place votes and 1,732 points from the 71 sports writers and broadcasters.



Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch (7) is the quarterback who puts the hustle in the Huskers' offense. Nebraska starts out No. 1 in The Associated Press pre-season Top 25 poll.

ers on the AP panel.

The Seminoles, 12-0 last season and the first team to be ranked No. 1 from start to finish, collected 29 first-place votes and 1,720 points. The 12-point difference is one of the closest - the tightest pre-season poll was 1994 when Florida edged Notre Dame by two points.

Alabama, the defending Southeastern Conference champion, is No. 3 - the Crimson Tide's highest pre-season ranking since a No. 2 start in 1993. The Tide received three first-place votes and 1,570 points.

Wisconsin, the two-time Rose Bowl winner and defending Big Ten champion, is No. 4, followed

by No. 5 Miami, No. 6 Michigan, No. 7 Texas, No. 8 Kansas State, No. 9 Florida and No. 10 Georgia. Wisconsin, with its highest pre-season ranking, had one first-place vote. Texas had two first-place votes.

Virginia Tech, a 46-29 loser to Florida State in the national title game at the Sugar Bowl after going 11-0 in '99, is No. 11, followed by No. 12 Tennessee, No. 13 Washington, No. 14 Purdue, No. 15 USC, No. 16 Ohio State, No. 17 Clemson, No. 18 Mississippi, No. 19 Oklahoma and No. 20 TCU, ranked in the pre-season for the first time since 1960.

Illinois is No. 21, followed by No. 22 Penn State, No. 23 Southern Mississippi, No. 24 Colorado and No. 25 Michigan State.

Notre Dame was S-7 last season, and coach Bob Davie understands why the Irish are not in the rankings.

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The Big Ten leads all conferences with seven teams in the pre-season Top 25 - Wisconsin, Michigan, Purdue, Ohio State, Illinois, Penn State and Michigan State. The Southeastern and Big 12 conferences have five each - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi in the SEC, and Nebraska, Texas, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Colorado in the Big 12.

Luck of the Irish runs out on Notre Dame

The Associated Press

Notre Dame finds itself in an unfamiliar position - unranked in The Associated Press Top 25 pre-season college football poll.

For the first time since 1986, the Fighting Irish were unable to muster enough support to be ranked among the top teams. In fact, the 71 voters on the AP panel rated the Irish 34th among 115 Division I-A teams.

The Irish lost their final four games, and went 5-7 last season.

As coach Bob Davie enters his fourth - and some believe final - campaign at Notre Dame, prospects don't look bright for a return to prominence, or the Top 25.

Among early Irish opponents are No. 1 Nebraska, No. 14 Purdue, No. 23 Michigan State and defending Pac-10 champion Stanford. The finale is at No. 15 USC.

"I can understand why we're not in the rankings," said Davie, who has a 21-16 record in three

seasons. "Sure, I would like to be ranked. It would mean people on the outside have a high opinion of our team coming back."

"But we've probably been ranked a few times just on name only when maybe we didn't deserve to. We're not going to get all bent out of shape about it."

In 1986, Lou Holtz was in his first season after replacing Gerry Faust, whose fifth and final year ended with a 5-6 record. The Irish

were unranked in the '86 pre-season poll, and finished 5-6. It was the last time Notre Dame posted a losing record until last year.

Last season, the Irish were No. 18 in the pre-season, but dropped out of the Top 25 by the fourth poll. They were back at No. 24 in the 10th week, then fell out for good.

In Davie's first two seasons, Notre Dame opened 11th and finished unranked in '97; and opened 22nd and ended 17th in '98.

BYU's Bosco endures summer of horrors

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Robbie Bosco had a horrible run of bad luck this summer. On paper, the fall doesn't look much better.

First, the BYU quarterback's coach was hospitalized for two days in June after being bitten by a black widow spider. Then last weekend, he dislocated a shoulder in a mountain bike crash.

"It can't get worse," he said Saturday at BYU's media day.

Don't look now, but Bosco still needs to groom a quarterback in time for BYU's Aug. 26 opener against No. 2 Florida State in the Pigskin Classic.

It won't get easier for Bosco and the Cougars through the season's first six weeks. BYU plays at Virginia, Air Force and Syracuse and has a home game against Mississippi State.

"It was a lot of pain for me these past months," Bosco said with a laugh. "Hopefully, our team won't have to go through that kind of pain during the season."

Bosco, the quarterback on BYU's national title team in 1994, was mending his garden in June when he felt a prick in his hand. He thought it was a thorn from a rose bush until his arm began to throb.

"My legs went numb and I was hurting everywhere," he said. "I've never felt anything like that."

Last weekend, Bosco agreed to participate in a charity mountain bike ride sponsored by Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone. After tumbling over his handlebars, Bosco was riding in an ambulance instead.

"The pain was worse than anything I ever went through on the football field," Bosco said. "The doctors were holding my arm up, waving it and trying to pop it back into the socket."

Bosco had his limp left hand close to his chest and wore a shoulder support under his shirt Saturday.

Most of the questions he faced focused on which quarterback would establish himself this fall, now that three-year starter Kevin Feltner has graduated.

Bosco is considering rotating quarterbacks, which would be a departure from tradition at BYU.

"Before this year, I was always against it," Bosco said. "Now, I've got different thoughts. I think we can find two guys who together could get the job done, but nothing

isng's been decided."

The problem is experience. The Cougars simply don't have any.

Charlie Peterson and Brandon Doman, both juniors, and sophomore Brett Engeman combined to go 3-of-6 last season bucking up Feltner, who threw for 3,554 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"We know people are saying inexperience is going to be a big factor for us," Peterson said. "I don't disagree, but I'd also say any of us will be confident in whenever we get into the game."

Bosco, for his part, is just glad to be back at work and eager to produce a game plan for the

Seminole.

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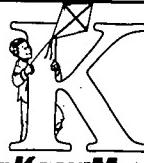
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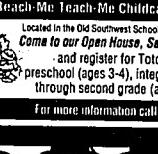
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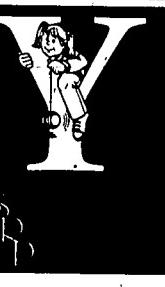
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Section D

King of school gear

For back-to-school, there are backpacks – and then all that other stuff

The Associated Press
and The Times-News

Backpacks are frontrunners with schoolkids.

When school opens this fall, 96 percent of all children ages 8-13 plan to show up with a backpack, according to a study commissioned by direct marketer Lands' End.

And what goes into them? Heavy books, of course, but there's also sports clothing, art supplies, lunch, CDs and even stuffed animals.

Downside is that 31 percent of the kids say they one-shoulder the things, which means a lopsided load. Tell your youngsters to use both shoulder straps at all times, cautions Jerome McAndrews of the American Chiropractic Association. Also be certain their loads don't exceed 10 percent of their body weight, he added.

That said, here's a look at the goods:

• The weight issue can be addressed with a backpack that converts to a wheeled cart. Lands' End's Wheeled (\$69.50), Collegiate (\$32.50), and Collegiate Junior (\$29.50) models all have lots of zippered pockets to arrange the stash.

• Wheely emulating wheels is the Jet Command Trike Wheeled Backpack (\$90), which has inline skate wheels and self-repair nylon zippers. When the rollers hit the ground, the straps can be tucked away in a zippered compartment for more storage.

• The Herk (\$70) from Timberland has a padded computer sleeve, an organizer for pens, pencils and calculators and a four-point hinge-lash system for more storage.

• There's even a backpack that accommodates the youngster's basic transportation. The Skateboard Backpack (\$24.98) from Lillian Vernon secures a skateboard with adjustable straps and has zippered compartments to carry other sports gear.

• An insulated Fashion Lunch Bag (\$18) from Tupperware picks up on the backpack theme and contains a rectangular Modular Mates container inside. Also look at the blue plastic Sandwich Keeper (\$9.50 for two) with hinged, snap-shut closure or the 30-ounce Thirstquake Tumbler (\$6.50) and Insulated Beverage Tote (\$8.50).

• If you're packing for dorm life at college, consider an idea offered by Bed Bath & Beyond: Use laundry bags and pillowcases



Photo courtesy Lands' End

Sales of backpacks now surpass every other single item of back-to-school gear.

Some overburdened school kids just roll with it

The Baltimore Sun

The youthful crowd races down the walkway, rolling luggage trailing behind.

It's clear they have somewhere to go ... and fast.

A loudspeaker booms. Has Flight 243 to Denver been delayed?

Who knows, but the school cafeteria will be serving chicken nuggets Monday.

However much it might resemble one, this is not an airport concourse teeming with tiny travelers. It's the main hallway at

Joppa View Elementary School in White Marsh, Md. Savvy students sick of carrying the weight of the world – or at least of mammoth math textbooks – on their shoulders, have started dragging

School days – a closer look

This is the second of three special Sunday sections that the Times-News will publish on getting your child ready for a successful learning experience.

Next week, we'll look at how to take charge of your child's education.

At-A-Glance

it behind them.

The pint-sized pack animal's appreciate the rolling, or "wheely" backpacks, even though they make

"a big thumping noise," says Ashley Cantor, 11, a fifth-grader. Fellow classmate Anthony Spinato, 10, likens the sound to a motorcycle revving up.

The move to a wheely backpack is good for most students if they can't weed out the weight in their daily load," says Dr. Wayne Yankus, a pediatric orthopedist in New Jersey and chair of the school health section for the American Pediatric Association.

"You've taken the weight off your back; now you're just pulling it."

Yankus says he first started seeing these backpack alternatives two years ago. It was then, he says, that articles and studies began surfacing about the

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move to a wheely backpack.

• Everybody connected to school knows the year is 18 months long, starting in September. Now comes The Family Organizer (\$14.95 spiral bound), recognizing this inner reality and helping parents and day keep track of kids' classes, part-time volunteer work, doctor appointments, and other complications of modern life. It was created by Amy Knapp, a real mom, who observes the routine gets slack during summer but has to be strengthened out in time for school.

• Even the youngest can get

other small items.

• A compact solution to a too-long ruler comes from Fiskars, which offers the Fold-It Ruler (\$3.35), which measures 12 inches but folds down to 6. When it's folded, its raised design offers a compartment for paperclips or

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organized, the Planners Pint-Sized Planner (\$12.49) from At-A-Glance. Besides the calendar with pictures of the familiar cartoon

characters, the planner offers skill-building activities, fun facts and Best Buddy pages, aimed at 6- to 9-year-olds.

• The weight of the backpack should not exceed 15 percent of the child's body weight. Thus a 50-pound child should carry a loaded backpack weighing no more than 7.5 pounds.

• Both straps should be worn across the shoulders and upper back to equalize the weight. Padded straps are the best.

• Consider alternatives, such as luggage carts, or backpacks equipped with wheels.

Shopping by the numbers

\$332

Average amount parents will spend on back-to-school shopping this summer

\$102

Average amount of their own money teen-agers will spend on back-to-school shopping

40

Percentage of teen-agers who view themselves as "trendsetters"

1st and 2nd

Rank of Old Navy and Gap as favorite brands among teen-agers

5th

Rank of Tommy Hilfiger as favorite brand among teen-agers

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Percentage of teen-agers who say they'll browse or shop for back-to-school online this year

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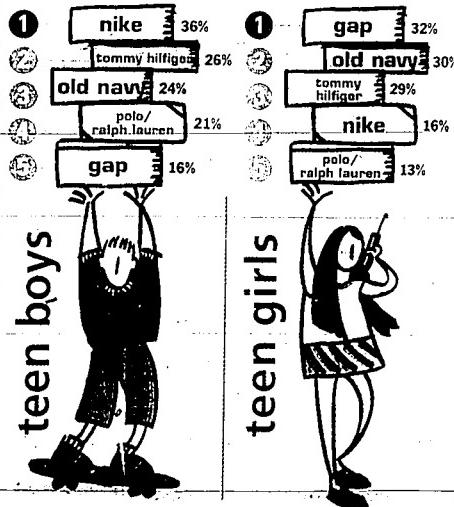
Percentage of teen-agers who rank trendy sneakers as "must-haves" back-to-school items

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Percentage of teen-agers who say they must have cargo pants

- Source: American Express Retail Index

Top Five Teen Clothing Brands, According to the 2000 American Express Retail Index



WHO BUYS THE CLOTHES?

You might be surprised

The Times-News

clothes (39 percent). Price runs a distant fourth (10 percent).

Clothing is a priority for girls - 61 percent will buy clothes, as opposed to 43 percent of boys.

Sports equipment is a priority for boys - 32 percent of guys purchase sports equipment, as opposed to 13 percent of girls.

Nearly half of teen-agers - 43 percent of boys and girls - will buy a pair of jeans this month for back to school.

A whopping 83 percent of American teen-agers will do their back-to-school shopping at specialty stores, like The Gap, rather than mass merchandisers like Kmart, Target and Wal-Mart. Their parents, interestingly enough, prefer just the opposite.

If you think Mom and Dad are buying back-to-school clothes for teen-agers – and hence calling the shots on their buying decisions – the American Express Retail Index's annual survey of back-to-school spending says you're wrong.

Sixty-one percent of American teen-agers, aged 15-17, have a full- or part-time job.

Seventy-eight percent of teens, aged 12-17, earn money occasionally doing odd jobs.

Less than one-third of teen-agers 15-17 - 31 percent – receive an allowance from their parents.

Since August 1997, teenage spending on back-to-school purchases has grown 39 percent.

Comfort and fit is the No. 1 priority among American teen-agers when buying back-to-school

BACK TO SCHOOL

Groovy: Those '70s styles are returning

Knight Ridder News Service

Hearing "Back to school" may ring the final bell of summer for kids, but it also means "time to shop."

What will your teen-ager want this year? The girls are going for anything and everything in animal prints. Guys favor more traditional wear with techy twists.

And both sexes will yearn for and desperately need clothing reminiscent of what you wore 20 or 30 years ago. All the looks—disco, punk and preppy—have been modernized through color and fabric.

"It's Old School, vintage with a forward spin," says Jorge Ramon, senior fashion editor for Teen People magazine. "Instead of seeing Fair Isle sweaters in yellow and blue, you'll see them in fluorescent orange and green."

For the girls, it's still a jungle out there when it comes to prints. Snakeskin and zebra are the favored patterns. Ostrich and crocodile are predicted to be big later this year.

Another basic trend for girls and guys is tech-friendly clothing. Vests feature pockets for cell phones and CD/MP3 players.

Tiffany Thomas, 14, of Charlotte, N.C., is a big fan of animal prints. Also on her shopping list: shiny pants, dark denim jeans, platform shoes and cowboy hats. "I don't like the plaids or stripes" of the preppy look, says Tiffany. She prefers dresses and pants over fitted jeans and a T-shirt.

What about this year? The sloppy, just-got-out-of-bed look. The hippie-bohemian style. And clothes embellished with a name (an Abercrombie & Fitch, The Gap, Hiltigberg).

"Visual branding like Abercrombie & Fitch has given way to things with initial logos," Ramon says.

Kids still take many of their style cues from TV shows and from musicians. "All the shows on the WB (Warner Brothers network) have an uncanny way of tapping into what's going on," Ramon says.

The biggest change Ramon's seen, though, is that teens are breaking out from the pack and finding their own mark.

Take the convertible pants—the legs zip on and off—popular among younger guys. "You'll see a guy with one (leg) on and one off," Ramon says.

Allow teens to learn on their own

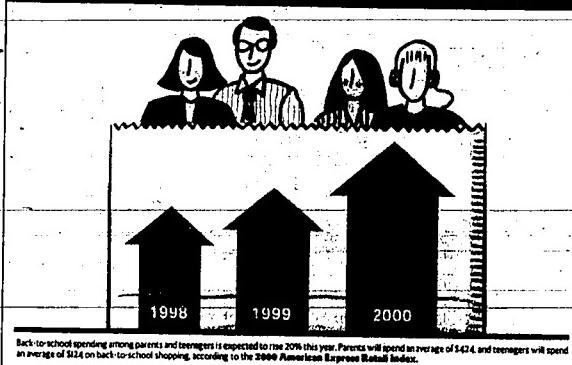
Q. My 13-year-old son waits until the last possible moment to begin doing his homework. He no longer has time to do it, but he must be in his bedroom after 9 in the evening. It doesn't matter how much homework he has or even whether he has a test the next day; he doesn't even do a book until he's in his room. I've talked myself blue in the face about the importance of making good grades, and that he simply can't be doing his best if he does homework when he's tired, but he says his grades are good enough (mostly B's with an occasional A) and that I should let him make this decision. This is driving me nuts! What can I do to get him to do his homework at a decent hour?

A. Nothing, apparently. I can't solve this problem for you. No, make that I won't solve this problem for you. I agree with your son. He should be allowed to make this decision. I'd suggest, therefore, that you do yourself a favor and abandon this issue forever. You're obviously causing yourself a lot of unnecessary aggravation and being a "certifiable pest" in the process.

As I point out in my latest book, "Teen-Proofing," the biggest and most frequent mistake made by responsible, well-intentioned (operative qualifiers, mind you) parents of teens is the attempt to micromanage. You have to micromanage an infant/toddler, and you might be able to successfully micromanage a preschool/school-age child (nonetheless, I don't recommend it), but you cannot micromanage a teen without creating more problems than you solve. In fact, I'll go a step further and say that the attempt to micromanage a teen will solve absolutely no problems and is likely to create a slew of 'em.

Your obsessive concern about when your son does his home-

2000 American Express Retail Index Shows Back-to-School Spending is Expected to Rise 20%



Source: 2000 American Express Retail Index on back-to-school shopping

THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOT LIST

Knight Ridder News Service

- Layering. The girls will do the traditional shirt over a tank or a turtleneck. Plus, you'll also see a short-sleeved baby T or a halter over a long-sleeved shirt. Guys will prefer vests over shirts and under jackets.
- Glasses with tinted lenses (rose, blue, amber, yellow and those with gradient colors).
- Snake-skin and animal prints.
- Low-slung boyish pants.
- Shoes: Platforms will still be in style. Look for those with wood (or faux wood) heels.
- T-shirts/tank tops with numbers, colored sleeves, old rock band and product logos, and keyhole necklines (a wedge- or key-shaped hole cut at the center of the front).
- Clothing and accessories with rhinestones and studs.
- Denim: Styles include shiny, stretchy, dark, dirty, acid-washed, color-tinted.

For guys

- Corduroy. Thin-wale jackets, pants in unusual colors like bright orange, tropical green, raisin.
- Convertible clothing. Vests with removable sleeves or pants with legs that zip off.
- Denim. The workman look—hard and dark with reinforced knees or rear.
- Both
- Updated versions of preppy (plaids, Fair Isle, LaCoste), punk (re-style T's paired with wool skirts) and disco (shiny materials, thin belts, rhinestones).
- Leather or fake leather (often called pleather). Jackets and pants for both. Skirts, tops and halters for the girls.
- Big, nubby sweaters. Girls will wear them sleeveless and with a cowl neck.
- Mixing textures. Wearing an angora sweater with leather pants or a fleece vest over wool shirt with nylon pants.

Shop till you drop

Here are tips from Jamie Delaney—mom and design director of the lines Rocker Girl and Rocker Girl— to make back-to-school shopping easier on everyone:

- It's inevitable that kids will pick something too sexy, expensive or just plain ugly. Be willing to give in on some styles when you can. Save the "not-negotiable" for when it really counts.
- Help them understand what is appropriate for school and what isn't. Use your work dress code as an example. This may help them accept the "no's" to the fad stuff.
- Be it touch with their likes and dislikes. Flip through magazines and catalogs or watch TV with them. Talk as nonjudgmentally as possible about the styles you see.
- Understanding financial limits is important. Set a limit of a certain number of pieces for a certain dollar amount.

- Know your shopping styles. If she gets grumpy after a few hours, plan a couple of short trips. If she likes to go on marathons, be sure you're both wearing comfortable clothes and shoes.
- Use shopping as a bonding experience. Allow plenty of time for your trip and go to lunch or dinner. Take advantage of having your child all to yourself.

Source: The Charlotte Observer

Roll

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perils of school kids hauling over-sized backpacks.

If a kid gets bored with the rolling backpacks, adaptations can be converted into a regular pack by pushing in the handle and concealing the wheels. But the kids don't exercise that feature too often. After all, problems and pain caused by backpacks prompted the switch in the first place.

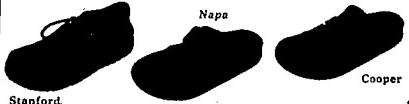
Rolling backpacks aren't hard to find. Available at stores such as JC Penney, they retail for \$30 to \$60. To serve both the Pokemon-packing younger students and textbook-carrying older students, they come in large and small sizes. The kids say the rollers are roomier than traditional backpacks, and equipped with plentiful sleeves and pockets. Such perks are ideal for these 21st-century tykes, who carry water bottles, compact discs and toys such as Game Boys. They're also involved in a slew of school activities that require additional accessories.

And the negatives?

"They pull them behind them and the crush of the crowd there can be tripping over rolling backpacks," says Mary Ann Scheerer, school nurse at Joppa View.

Plus, it's tough getting through the school bus door. Yankus also warns that the wheels can get caught in grooves in the sidewalk or the floor.

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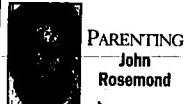
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work falls into this perilous category. Do you really think he's going to get better grades if he does his homework when you want him to? I think it's more likely that if you manage to force him to do his homework under your eagle-eyed supervision in the afternoon or early evening that he will rush through it, in which case his grades will drop. Why? Because you will have given him a good reason to prove you wrong.

Instead of trying to make your son do his homework when you think he should do it, give him permission to learn—the hard way if necessary—how to effectively manage his own time. Your job here is not to manage

his time for him, but to demonstrate that choices result in consequences. Good choices result in good consequences (better grades, more freedom), and bad choices result in consequences which are undesirable (bad grades, restrictions on his freedom). For the time being, his grades are not a problem, but when he enters high school and academic demands increase, that may change, thus giving you the opportunity to be the agent of reality. In the meantime, take a load off your shoulders and find a more constructive outlet for all that well-intentioned energy.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. His next book, "Raising a Nonviolent Child," will be in bookstores in September. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, Ind. 46260 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

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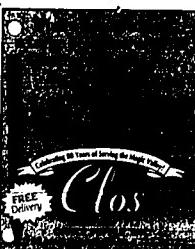
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Community Works

Last month I suggested ways to cure those summer blues. This month, here's another way: how to get involved in your community's volunteerism at local nursing homes can brighten someone's day. You can also donate food or clothing to homeless shelters. To find more ways you can help, log on online at <http://www.4kids.org/volunteer/>.

If you would rather be outdoors, cleaning parks is a huge help to the community. Grab some friends and trash bags, and head out. Don't forget to separate recyclables, such as glass, aluminum, iron and plastic.

Finally, animal shelters always need help. Whether you donate some kibble or spend some quality time brushing the dogs, you will surely make a difference. For more ideas, try Nickelodeon's "Big Help" at <http://www.nick.com/all-nick/livespecial/bighelp/>.

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PLAYING IT SAFE

Common sense can reduce playground injuries

Los Angeles Times

How is it that playgrounds, where children go to revel in all their youthful energy, too often become places of sadness for families?

More than half a million children are injured on playground equipment each year, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Roughly 150,000 of those injuries are serious, and an average of 15 children die each year in playground accidents.

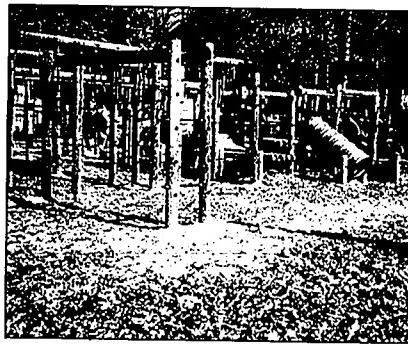
Although some injuries are rare and freakish, the majority of the mishaps are linked to common playground elements: swings, climbing equipment and slides.

So commonplace are the hazards that a 1998 report by two consumer advocacy groups concluded that the majority of America's public playgrounds pose serious dangers to children.

Despite ample information about the elements of safer playgrounds, "we haven't seen the type of improvements we really need to reduce injuries," says Darrell Hammond, chief executive of Kaboom, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit group that promotes playground safety.

Only a handful of states — California, Michigan, New Jersey and Texas — have passed comprehensive playground safety laws.

Doctors are also playing a role in raising awareness of the issue. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons has



Wood chips, mulch, sand and pea gravel are state-of-the-art, safe playground surfaces, but most school playgrounds are still made of asphalt.

launched a new public service campaign to promote appropriate playground behavior for children and parents.

Marcia Kent, a spokeswoman for the federal Consumer Products Safety Commission, sees a "momentum to improve playgrounds." The California law, she says, has prompted a lot of inquiries from playground owners seeking to comply with the new rules.

While playground safety has been a topic of concern for decades, past attempts to improve conditions have been

piecemeal, such as a federal regulation that banned unsafe teeter-totters, Hammond says.

And a group that is responding to safety concerns is playground manufacturers. They are introducing new playground structures aimed at reducing serious injuries and improving access to all children, including disabled children.

According to design experts, safe playgrounds today are notably different from the ones built in the 1970s or earlier. For example, themed playgrounds

(such as a playground constructed to resemble a ship) and those with access for disabled children are gaining in popularity.

While swings and slides are still in demand, carousels and whirls have fallen out of favor due to high injury rates, says Kevin Owens, director of Fun New Stuff for Playworld Systems, a leading playground manufacturer in Lewisburg, Pa.

For a while, in the 1990s, some playground owners began eliminating taller structures out of concern over injuries. But the Consumer Product Safety Commission has not

issued a regulation on structure height, and designers today are not shying away from building towering play areas.

"Although it's fairly widely known that falls are the major source of injuries, that doesn't necessarily mean falls from great height," Owens says. "There wasn't data to back up a height regulation."

Safety concerns have also prompted playground designers to reduce the number of moving parts in equipment such as swings, monkey-bars and rocking horses. But some say that

shorter structures and fewer moving parts could make playgrounds less inviting to children.

"I think we have to balance the needs of a safe playground without compromising a child's fun," Hammond says.

Owens agrees that children won't use a playground if it doesn't present some perceived physical challenge.

"In order to meet kids' needs for taking risks and facing challenges, you need to have a certain amount of height and the illusion of risk, even though there isn't really risk," Owens says.

Home-schooling movement flourishes

Some families make the choice without religious reasons

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Kira Ilson wakes up on weekdays, the 9-year-old reaches for the workbook at the foot of her bed. She completes her assignment with covers piled around her, knocking off her math before she even rolls out of the sack.

Then there's breakfast, then reading or spelling. After that, it depends on her mood. She might break for a quick game of chess with one of her brothers. Or sit at the piano to practice her current piece, Beethoven's *Fur Elise*.

Setting her own schedule is one advantage of home school, Kira said on a recent morning, as she made a chalkboard from construction paper. "If I want to school," she explained, "I wouldn't be doing this right now."

Not many years ago, the reigning stereotype of the home-schooler was of conservative Christians who withdrew their kids from society to shield them from its evils.

But that image is changing. Home-schooling is drawing more devotees like Kira's parents, Richard and Catherine Ilson of Matthews, N.C., who don't home-school for religious reasons at all.

Home-schooling resources

Books

- *Homeschooling Almanac 2000-2001*, Mary and Michael Leppert, (Prima Publishing, \$19.95).
- *The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home*, by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer, (W.W. Norton & Co., \$35).
- *Family Matters: Why Homeschooling Makes Sense*, David Guterson, (Harvest Books, \$13).

Webs

Both <http://www.homeschool-zone.com/> and <http://www.homeschool-village.com/> offer lots of information and links to many more sites. The home school zone site's creators and editors are Joe and Sue Sparto of Matthews, N.C.

—Source: The Charlotte Observer

And home-schoolers are becoming less of an oddity because their numbers are booming.

Nationally, more than 1 million kids are taught at home.

I think that's the real reason people will home-school in the future — for a life more like in the late 1800s, when people worked at home and everything came from home.

—Mary Leppert, editor and publisher of newspaper for homeschooled children

and drugs. They don't like planning their lives around the school schedule. They want to be closer as a family. And they don't want their kids learning morsels and mangers from their peers.

"I wanted the most important things he learned to come from us and not other adults and kids," says Olga Mawoungue of Charlotte, who home-schools her 5-year-old son, Kiko. "Nobody knows him better than I do."

Computer technology has fueled the home-schooling boom, offering a wealth of Internet resources and making networking easy, via e-mail and electronic mailing lists. Telecommuting

has allowed some parents to continue to work while they home-school.

Mary Leppert, editor and publisher of *The Link*, a free national newspaper for home-schoolers, believes home-schooling continues to grow because many people work for less than part-time.

When a parent quits or cuts back on work to home-school, she says, the family discovers savings associated with staying home — savings of gas, clothing, lunches out, and most importantly, time.

"I think that's the real reason people will home-school in the future — for a life more like in the late 1800s, when people worked at home and everything came from home," she says.

In many ways, the Ilson family typifies the new breed of home educators. They hadn't planned to home-school. Their oldest son, Alex, was doing well as a second-grader at a public school in Boston. He liked riding the bus and playing with other kids. Academically, he was at the top of his class.

But his parents became frustrated that Alex wasn't being challenged. When Catherine began looking for material to supplement his schoolwork, she stumbled upon some home-schooling literature.

The more she read, the more she became interested. "I realized my children are being socialized by other children," she says. She quit her part-time work as a family therapist and began teaching Alex at home.

Will braininess bring success, happiness?

Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

If you're super-smart as a child, will you be super-successful, super-happy as an adult?

The answer: There is no pat answer.

If you talk to 45,000 Mensa members, you'll get 45,000 different stories," says Abby Salay, supervisory psychologist at the Mensa, an organization for people with high IQs. "Just as you would if you talked to 45,000 people in the general population."

For starters, much depends on how one defines success and happiness. And so many factors shape one's life beyond intelligence: family life, personal relationships, opportunities, to name a few.

Multiple studies have found that raw intelligence doesn't automatically translate into achievement as an adult. A meta-study on how child prodigies fare as adults agrees, while showing how time and circumstance can alter everything.

The study started in 1922, following the lives of 1,528 child prodigies, all California children, 11 years old on average and with IQs of 135 plus. Generally speaking, IQ scores don't change drastically from childhood to adulthood. Even if they fluctuate several points, the scores typically fall within a

range. For instance, a child can score 135 one day and 150 on another day and still be considered gifted. The average IQ ranges roughly between 90 and 110.

When the author, Lewis Terman, wrote about these gifted children as adults in 1959, he found many professional successes in the men.

As for the women, but with a good reason. The women's movement hadn't yet started and few opportunities in the professional world existed.

"They had to find their way amid restrictions," says Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, among the researchers who continued to study the group after Terman's death. "And those restrictions were hard to negotiate."

Tomlinson-Keasey, co-author of an updated 1990 study, says that, generally speaking, the men found professional success, and the women found personal success — a "reasonable amount of happiness." But other variables — solid marriages, for instance — played a part in how happy they were.

As for the women: They weren't super-successful professionally in the same way as men. As for super-happy: "Definitely not."

In this population, women tried to commit suicide at the same rate as women in the general population. But they succeeded twice as often.

FAMILY LIFE

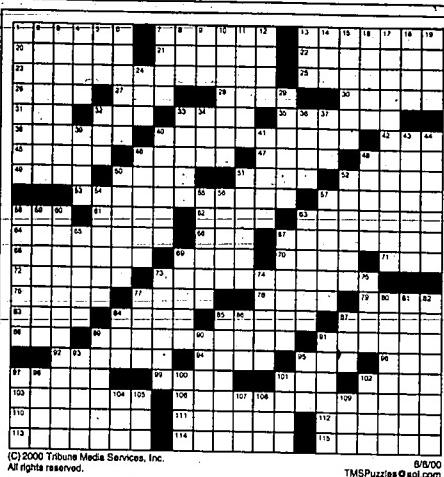
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Pilot steers woman's life off course, endangers her health

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old divorcee who recently broke off a two-year relationship with a 56-year-old divorced man. We were dating "steadily" (every night and on weekends), and thought he was faithful until I found him, as he so frequently declared.

I dropped by unexpectedly a year ago, and I caught a woman hiding in his bedroom closet. Before that, he picked up a girl (a stranger) at a cafeteria at noon and took her home. I accidentally dropped by that time, too. Then I discovered e-mails he had sent to the closet-girl setting up more meetings. (She would come over before I got off work at 5 each night.) There were also e-mails to other women across the country arranging dates. (He's a pilot.)

Each time I caught him being unfaithful, he'd beg me to forgive his indiscretions. I tried, but I couldn't trust him. His schedule is such that he has lots of free time during the day when I'm at work, so my imagination would run rampant.

He was unfaithful in his marriage, too. I think he had an intention of ever being faithful to one woman, and that tormented me. I loved him more than I've ever loved anyone. Did I do the right thing in ending the rela-

DEAR
ABBY

Abigail VanBuren

tionship?

CRYING IN MEMPHIS

DEAR CRYING: Absolutely! And you'd also be doing the right thing to schedule an appointment immediately with your doctor to be examined for sexually transmitted diseases.

Your former boyfriend appears to be addicted to sex. Unless he is willing to accept the fact that his behavior is out of control and to get professional help, he cannot be the person you would like him to be.

Now, dry your tears. Get on with your life and be glad that you didn't waste more than two years on this pilot with broken wings and a tarnished halo.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received a promotion at work over someone who had been with the company for a long time. Since then, most of my co-work-

ers have treated me badly. They snub me, gossip, and constantly look for errors in my work they can bring to the supervisor's attention. I thought the supervisor would support me, but she just humors them.

For seven months I have tried to be courteous and nice to them, but they are determined to make my life miserable. One woman in particular is very intimidating. She seems to thrive on generating hostility and bad feelings.

I leave work every day frustrated and with hurt feelings. I don't want to quit, but I am at a loss as to how to handle this.

JUST DOING MY JOB

DEAR JUST: What you are experiencing may not be pleasant, but it comes with the territory. You can't be in management and be "one of the girls" too. The higher you climb the job ladder, the more of these situations you will encounter and be expected to handle. If you're going to be an effective manager, you must learn to accept it.

There are books and management seminars available. If your immediate supervisor isn't willing to mentor you, perhaps someone else on a supervisory or personnel level would be. Check it out.

Wedding gifts, on second thought

The Washington Post

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WEDDINGS

KRAMER-HALL

BOISE - Dawn Amy Kramer and James "Ken" Hall were married June 17 at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Marilyn Kramer of Twin Falls. She is a graduate of Boise State University and is employed by BSU Alumni Association.

The bridegroom is the son of Tom and Karla Hall of Morgan Hill, Calif. He attended BSU and is employed by St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

The newlyweds reside in Boise.



Dawn and James Hall

FORD-STANFIELD

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ford of Jerome announce the marriage of their daughter, Lynette Marie Ford, to Chad Michael Stanfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stanfield of Riverton, Utah.

Ford graduated from Jerome High School and Brigham Young University.

Stanfield graduated from Riverton High School and is a senior at the University of Utah, majoring in computer engineering. He served an LDS mission in Uruguay.

The wedding was held Aug. 4 in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be

Chad and Lynette Stanfield
held from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 17 at the White House in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARY

THE VINCENT'S

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Vincent of Filer will be honored at an open house Aug. 13 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call between 2 and 5 p.m. at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. A special program from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. will feature a video tribute and family music presentation. Time will be available for others to give tributes.

Vincent and Margaret Joy Wills were married Aug. 13, 1950, at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.

They lived in Filer until moving to their current home south of Curry in 1991. He worked as a farmer in the Filer area for 50 years and had a dairy for 25 years. He continues to work with his son, Roger W. Vincent, in the farm operation. He was named Outstanding Young Farmer in 1959 and is a long-time member of the Kiwanis.

The Vincents said they were brought together through music and it has remained a common bond throughout their marriage. They have been recognized as community leaders, receiving the 1990 Governor's Award for their support of the arts and twice receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Idaho Statesman. They also were part of a civic group that helped make the College of Southern Idaho a reality. They have been active in the Twin Falls Methodist and Reformed churches, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star.

Roger Vincent was the founder and director of the Magic Valley Chorale and was a charter member and president of the Northwest Opera Association. He has been involved in the Dilettantes of Magic Valley, playing many lead parts, and his baritone voice has been featured in oratorios, musicals, operas and concerts in the valley and the state, including a solo with the



Margaret and Roger Vincent



Boise Philharmonic: He participated with a male quartet called "The Serenaders" in a Community Concerts and served as choir director at the

Methodist Church for 23 years.

Margaret Vincent has promoted musical excellence through her 50 years of private piano instruction. She founded the Filer Wranglerettes Riding Club and was named Mrs. Idaho in 1965. She has performed in numerous concerts and productions, served as accompanist for the Dilettantes and continues as pianist for the Magic Valley Symphony. In 1987, she founded and directed the CSI camp, Music Fest, which is still an annual event. She has been involved with the National Federation of Music clubs, serving as state and local president and national board member. She served as instructor and department coordinator with the CSI music faculty from 1990-1997. She completed her master's degree in piano performance in 1995 and currently teaches piano, offering private lessons and classes in piano pedagogy for area teachers.

The event is being given by their children, Laura (Allen) Vizzuti of Mercer Island, Wash., Jo (Phil) Gerrish of Filer, Janie (Ron) Griff of Twin Falls, Carol (Tony) Miller of Woodinville, Wash., Roger (Kelly) Vincent of Filer, and Susan Vincent of Boise. The couple has 20 grandchildren.

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BRAGA-MAXWELL

GOODING - Tobey Lynn Braga and Kurt Russell Maxwell were married July 1 at the Christian Church in Gooding.

Officiating was the Rev. Andy Morris.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Sharon Braga of Gooding. Maternal grandmothers are Velma Lawrence of Gooding and Johnette Braga of Mesa, Ariz.

Parents of the bridegroom are Bob Maxwell of Gooding and Laurie Maxwell of Caldwell. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hafen of Bliss and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Maxwell of Gooding.

Elizabeth Caudillo, friend and roommate of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Darci Shaver, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Jordan Braga, sister of the bride, and Teri Lehr, cousin of the bride, were the candle lighters.

Alexandria Nelson was the flower girl.

Clint Maxwell, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Bob Maxwell, father of the groom, was the groomsman.

Kelsey Norris, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Cory Rodriguez, cousin of the bride, and Eric Shaver, brother



Tobey and Kurt Maxwell

in-law of the bride, were the ushers.

Tricia Maxwell, sister of the groom, attended the guest book.

A reception was held at the War Memorial Hall following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Gooding High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed in Anacortes, Wash.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Gooding High School. He is serving in the U.S. Navy and is currently stationed at Oak Harbor, Wash.

The newlyweds reside in Oak Harbor.

RIOS-GONZALES

RUPERT - Dorothy Rios and Jorge Gonzales were married July 8 at the St. Nicholas Church in Rupert.

Music was performed by the St. Nicholas Youth Choir.

The bride is the daughter of Henry and Amalia Rios of Rupert. The bridegroom is the son of Angelina Gonzales of Burley.

Becky Madrigal, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Amber Ortiz, Jennifer Olimos, Nikki Gomez, Amanda Krueger, Alma Navarrete, Noralva Silva, Veronica Salinas, Linda Juarez and Susie Salinas, friends of the bride.

Jessica Salinas and Liliana Gil, cousins of the bride, and Jenifer Madrid, Cynthia Ambriz and Cynthia Salinas, friends of the bride, were the flower girls.

Luis Magana served as best man.

Groomsmen included Jesus Salinas, cousin of the bride, and Andy Larios, Ben Navarrete, Rene



Jorge and Dorothy Gonzales

Garcia, Luis Velasquez, John Pineda, Adam Tamayo and Rudy Salinas, friends of the groom.

Christian Ambriz, nephew of the bride, was the usher.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Fiesta Mexicana in Rupert.

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School. She is managing a Taco Bandito.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Burley High School. He is employed at Simplot AgriSource.

The newlyweds reside in Burley.

Anniversary or wedding planned?

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SENIORS

Examine the big picture when planning retirement

Q. When I decided I would retire next year, my wife and I began the estate-planning process by reading books by financial planners, lawyers and stock market gurus. The more we read, the more confused we become. Is there a secret to getting our economic lives in order so that, when we see a lawyer and financial planner, we can be prepared?

A. While reading is a great way to learn about your options, if you try to understand all of the details rather than taking a "big picture" approach to the planning process, you can get bogged down in the details. Here are some tips:

First, gather and organize information about your current and projected income and expenses, your assets, and your debts.

If you die in 2000 and your estate exceeds the federal estate-tax exclusion amount per person, an estate tax will be due unless you plan appropriately. If you feel your total assets, including insurance, exceed the federal estate-tax exclusion amount (\$675,000 in 2000 and increasing to \$1 million in 2006), evaluate the benefits of a credit shelter trust. And make sure you equalize the ownership of your assets as much as possible.

Remember that the manner in which assets are titled and how beneficiaries are designated can frustrate your plan. Although your retirement accounts, IRAs, insurance policies, properties titled in living trusts and annuities will pass to survivors by beneficiary designation rather



NEXT STEPS

Jan Collins and Jan Warner

than your will, these assets will be counted as part of your taxable estate even though they may not pass through the probate process.

If you have a taxable estate, depending on your cash needs and the nature of your assets, you and your spouse could each consider gifting \$10,000 each year, as many individuals as you desire, without reducing your unified credit (again, \$675,000 per person). Or, if the situation presents itself, you can make unlimited gift-tax exclusion to pay for medical and education expenses in appropriate situations. You may want to make gifts to charities, either outright or through trusts, to reduce your estate taxes.

If you own large policies of life insurance, evaluate the potential benefits of using an irrevocable life-insurance trust that can help provide for your family's financial needs and remove life-insurance proceeds from your taxable estate. Depending on your family situation, you should decide whether

you have enough life insurance to provide the liquid cash your estate may need to pay estate taxes or a sufficient amount to take care of your surviving spouse and children.

Review your will and other documents every three to five years and update them if necessary, especially upon the occurrence of such events as marriage or remarriage, birth or adoption of a child, death of a spouse, divorce, illness, change in employment, receipt of a large gift or inheritance, or changes in property values that may drive your estate to the taxable limit.

Appoint a personal representative and an alternate who will carry out your plan. Always specify who will receive your property and when. If there are minors or disabled people who may benefit from your estate, establish appropriate trusts and appoint trustees and alternates. If you have minor children, make sure that your will appoints a guardian.

In addition to death planning, make sure you sign a durable power of attorney so that your financial affairs can be handled in the event of your incapacity. Your health care decisions also should be made in advance. And remember to check into the cost of long-term care insurance.

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Given a chance, unusual people might turn out to be real leaders

His eyes were blue, his hair was long, his clothes looked as though they belonged in the '60s. He looked, when I first saw him in the halls of Wendell High, like a "hippy," though those days were long gone.

I remember thinking that he must be some kind of troublemaker and that I would watch out for him, but his appearance belied his true personality—another lesson in not "judging a book by its cover." He was not a troublemaker. He was not a "hippy." He was unique—one of a kind. He simply didn't care what others thought. He marched to a different drummer.

As I came to know him I gained an appreciation for a sharp mind, a quick wit and a generous spirit. Although he was friends with the other students he was not, like most teenagers, a follower—someone who went along with the crowd. He was his own man, and he didn't care if the crowd liked him or not.

He did not take drugs. He didn't drink. He wasn't a partyer.

Still those who indulged such things liked him, and those who didn't appreciated him. He believed in doing what was right and did not hesitate to express his views. He was a leader, without meaning to be one.

High school is the type of environment, as we all know, in



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

which everyone tends to "go along to get along." One of the hardest things for teenagers to do is to really be themselves among their peers. They tend to dress alike, wear their hair alike

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and wear the same type clothes. They feel they dare not be different. And it often depends upon the leaders of a class as to which path that class, in general, will take. Luckily this student was someone the general population admired, and, luckily for them, someone many longed to emulate.

I liked him. His was a face I looked forward to seeing in my classes, for he had a good and thoughtful mind, and he helped in directing the class toward the

goals that I pursued. When he graduated I missed him for many reasons, but, perhaps most of all, for his individuality and his good sense.

Human beings, in general, have a tendency to try to blend in—to be just another "face in the crowd." We often do not say what we are feeling for fear of being cast out by the group we are trying to impress, and, sometimes, we are too afraid to express those feelings, finding that we were wrong.

On the other hand, we should never just "go along to get along" if it is an issue of morality, of doing the right thing, of protecting those weaker than ourselves. We are all unique—we are all individuals—with our own thoughts and ideals, but if we do not stand up in the cause of what is right because we are afraid that it will disturb someone with an opposing view, then we have only taken the path of least resistance.

I'm sure that wherever my "hippy" student is today he is making a difference. He is, I am sure, still not just "part of the crowd," but one who "stands out in the crowd." May we all take a lesson from a true individualist.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at peterson@magiclink.com

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FAMILY LIFE**ERWIN-HAGBERG**

RUPERT - Scott and Debbie Erwin of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Lee Erwin, to Jay Michael Hagberg, son of Carolyn Kay Hagberg and Jay Lowell and Ann Hagberg.

Erwin is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School and a 2000 graduate of Ricks College with a major in dental hygiene.

Hagberg is a 1995 graduate of Gridley High School and a 2000 graduate of Ricks College with a major in computer information systems. He also served in the Texas Fort Worth Mission.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Mt. Timpanogos LDS Temple. A reception to



Courtney Erwin and Jay Hagberg honor the couple will be held Saturday at the Erwin residence. They will reside in Provo, Utah.

PINTHER-BROWN

TWIN FALLS - Dan and Kathie Pinther of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Lee Pinther, to Jarom R. Brown, son of Mark and Marilyn Brown of Jerome and John and Larene cooler of Boise.

Pinther is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Magic Valley Staffing Service in Twin Falls.

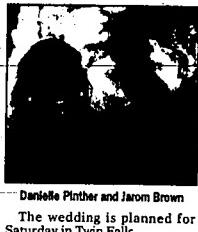
Brown is a graduate of Buhi High School. He is employed by Doug McCoy Construction.

WADE-JACOBSON

GOODING - Gaylord and Karla Wade of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia E. Wade, to Jeremy L. Jacobson, son of Jim and Janice Jacobson of Gooding.

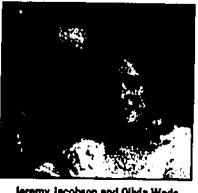
Wade is a graduate of Gooding High School, College of Southern Idaho and Harcourt Learning Direct in Pennsylvania. She is employed at Ridley's in Gooding.

Jacobson is a graduate of Gooding High School. He is employed by Shreddaway in



Danielle Pinther and Jarom Brown

The wedding is planned for Saturday in Twin Falls.



Jeremy Jacobson and Olivia Wade

Boise. The wedding is planned for Aug. 26.

WEDDING**KOROM-MILLS**

SUN VALLEY - Terra Lynn Korom and John Charles Mills were married June 24 at Lupin Meadows in Sun Valley.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Sandau of Filer.

Parents of the bridegroom are Bob and Fran Mills of Springville, Calif.

Kendra and Britany Korom, daughters of the bride, were the bridesmaids.

Robert Mills, son of the groom, was the groomsman.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Joan and Glen Sandau of Twin Falls, and brother and sister of the bridegroom, Dr. John and Betty Mills of Belmont, Calif.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving was Judy Gruener, friend of the couple.



The bride attended the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. She is employed at the Wood River River in Hailey.

The bridegroom attended CSI and is employed at Intermountain Gas Co.

The newlyweds reside in Hailey.

ROYAL-LARNA

TWIN FALLS - Bruce and Janine Peterson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Royal, to Jared Larna of Twin Falls.

Royal is a 2000 graduate of Magic Valley High School and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho.

Larna is a graduate of CSI and is employed by Jackson Trucking.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Amber Royal and Jared Larna

MOSER-LACROIX

JEROME - Harry and Joy Moser of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie Moser, to Jeremiah LaCroix, son of Lynn and Debbie LaCroix of Bliss and Grant and Sheila Summers of Gooding.

Moser is a 1999 graduate of Jerome High School and will attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall. She is employed at Dairy Queen in Jerome.

LaCroix is a 1995 graduate of Bliss High School and will attend CSI in the fall. He is employed by PSI Waste Systems in Twin Falls.



Jeremiah LaCroix and Theresa Moser

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at the home of the groom's mother.

PETERSON-MCKENZIE

CAREY - Greg and Peggy Peterson of Carey announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Peterson, to Mike McKenzie, son of Darrell McKenzie of Carey and Donna McKenzie of Twin Falls.

Peterson is a 1997 graduate of Carey High School. She is employed with POWER Engineers in Hailey.

McKenzie is a 1992 graduate of Wood River High School. He is the owner of McKenzie Builders.



Lana Peterson and Mike McKenzie

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Susie Q Ranch in Picabo.

EVANS-BOLAND

TWIN FALLS - Mac and Janice Evans of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Emilee Rose Evans, to Daniel Scott Boland, son of Glen and Doreen Boland of Meridian.

Evans is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at S.T. Investments in Boise.

Boland is a graduate of Coeur d'Alene High School. He is employed at S.T. Investments in Boise.

The wedding is planned for



Daniel Boland and Emilee Evans Aug. 26 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

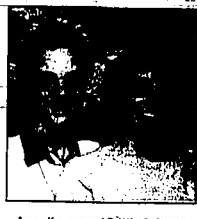
ARRINGTON-KEENAN

TWIN FALLS - Judson and Florrrie Arrington of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittian Ashley Arrington, to Aaron Keenan, son of Frank and Margaret Keenan of Pocatello.

Arrington is a graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Keenan is also a graduate of ISU. He is employed by Elbert County Library in Kiowa, Colo.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Aaron Keenan and Brittian Arrington

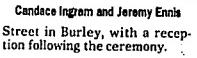
INGRAM-ENNIS

HEYBURN - Tammy Ingram announces the engagement of her daughter, Candice Ingram, to Jeremy Ennis, son of Kim and Judy Ennis of Rupert.

Ingram is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. She attended the College of Southern Idaho before transferring to Idaho State University, where she is pursuing a degree in history.

Ennis is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. He is attending ISU and is pursuing a degree in biology.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Friday at the Sweetheart Manor, Overland and 42nd



Candace Ingram and Jeremy Ennis

Street in Burley, with a reception following the ceremony.

In the year 2000, students still need books

The Associated Press

(Dorling Kindersley, \$19.95 hardcover); by Peter Bond, has pictures of planets, moons, galaxies and more.

* The northern part of the world may seem as remote as foreign planets, but it's home to many curious, wacky countries, and perhaps 30,000 polar bears. All this is explained in "The Kids Book of The Far North" (Kids Can Press, \$15.95 hardcover), by Ann Love and Jane Drake.

* "1000 Makers of the Millennium" (Dorling Kindersley, \$19.95 hardcover) is an illustrated who's who of some of men and women who gave shape to the history of the past 1,000 years.

* Name the presidents. That schoolroom challenge will be easier with "Presidents" (Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Books, in association with the Smithsonian Institution, \$15.95 hardcover). Sketches offer a glimpse of events occurring during the

administration of each president, along with basic biographical facts.

* For such a little critter, the mosquito is a big menace. More people — two million annually — die from malaria and other diseases transmitted by mosquito bites than any other cause, including war. These and other facts can be found in "Reader's Digest Pathfinders/Insects and Spiders" (Reader's Digest Books, \$16.95 hardcover).

* A cat has muscles at the base of each fury hair that enables it to fluff up its fur to keep warm. The male midwife toad takes on his share of parenting by carrying fertilized eggs on his back until they hatch. "Eyewitness Animal World" (Dorling Kindersley, \$19.95 hardcover) offers a fascinating look at the animal world.

* Rodents generally don't get a good press, but the "National Geographic Animal Encyclopedia" (National Geographic Society, \$29.95 hardcover), reminds us that the category includes chinchillas and beavers, prized for their furs, and rabbits, cute at Easter time and if you can keep them out of your garden.

* National Geographic also offers a series of closeups of various animals: "Bug Faces" (\$16.95 hardcover), by Darlyne A. Murawski; "Sea Critters" (\$16.95 hardcover), by Sylvia A. Earle, with photos by Wolcott Henry; "Feathered Dinosaurs" (\$17.95 hardcover), by Christopher Sloan; and "Destination Deep Sea" (\$16.95 hardcover), by Jonathan Grupper.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Mountain Home Water Director informed the Director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game that Mountain Home Reservoir in Elmore County has been drained this year for irrigation. It is likely that all fish in this reservoir will be lost. Please do not indiscriminately salvaging a portion of the fish from the reservoir have been fully, and the Idaho Fish and Game Department would like the public to use as many of the fish as possible.

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Copies of Order 00-17

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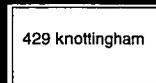
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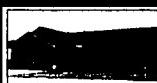
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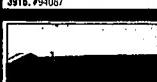
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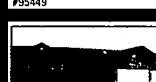
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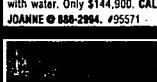
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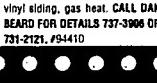
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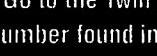
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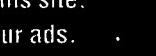
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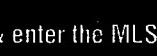
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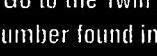
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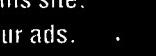
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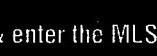
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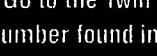
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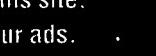
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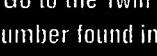
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BURLEY

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The Times-News is

currently looking for

Independent Walking

Route Carriers in the

Burley area.

ROUTE 408

213 W. 26th W

Boardwalk Ct. -

If you live in the

Burley area & are

interested in being a

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please contact the

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or stop by the Burley

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Walking Routes Available

ROUTE 553

County Road

100 Blk. Davis St.

100-300 Blk.

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ROUTE 505

11th Ave W,
12th Ave W,
13th Ave W,
Colombia St,
Elm Circle
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Novato St.
Pine St.
Utah St.

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JEROME (5)

THE TIMES-NEWS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT JR ROUTES AVAILABLE IN THE JEROME AREA.

ROUTE 524

500 blk. West Ave. B,
500 blk. West Ave. C,
100-800 blk. West Ave. D,
200-600 blk. West Ave. E,
100-600 blk. West Ave. F.

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JEROME 5 MOTOR-ROUTE

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KIMBERLY (5)

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ROUTE 558

300-600 blk. Adams

100-300 blk. Birch St.

100-500 Lincoln St.

400-600 blk. Washington Street

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MALTA

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TWIN FALLS (6)

THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER ROUTES ON THE WEST SIDE OF TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 810

400 Blk. Caswell Ave. W
Paradise Plaza
Rosa Street North

ROUTE 814

200-600 Blk. 2nd Ave. N.
200-500 3rd Ave. N.

ROUTE 815

200 Blk. 500-5th Ave. N.
200-600 Blk. 5th Ave. N.

ROUTE 817

100-300 6th Ave. N.
100-500 6th Ave. N.

100 Filmore
800 Shoshone

ROUTE 852

500 Blk. Bolton St.
200-500 Blk. Filar Ave. W
100-200 Blk. Wirsching

ROUTE 855

400 Blk. Addison Ave. W
100-200 Blk. Camay
Casa Grande Court
500 Blk. Shoup Ave. W

ROUTE 856

400-500 Blk. Borah Ave.
West
300-400 Blk. Bracken St.
North
400 Blk. Rose St. N.

ROUTE 872

900 Blk. Blake St. North
200-300 Blk. Elaine Ave.
200-400 Blk. Falls Av.
West
100-400 Blk. Robbins
Ave.
700-800 Blk. Sparks St.

ROUTE 879

800 Blk. Bracken
East Wind
West Wind
600 Blk. Falls Ave. W.

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ROUTE 713

1200-1500 Evergreen
Ave.

ROUTE 714

1200-1400 Holly Drive
1100-1600 Juniper St.
North

1100 blk Locusat St. N

ROUTE 718

1100-1400 blk 7th Ave.
East

ROUTE 719

1100-1300 blk 8th Ave.
East

ROUTE 720

1100-1400 blk 9th Ave.
East

700-800 blk Ash St.
800 blk Elm St.

ROUTE 733

1000-1200 blk Brundage
Circle

ROUTE 734

1100-1300 blk Galena
Drive

ROUTE 735

1700-1800 blk Pomelora
Drive

ROUTE 736

1300 blk Stonybrook
Circle

ROUTE 786

1500-2100 Blk. East
Falls Ave. East

ROUTE 792

1500-1700 blk 3rd Ave.
East

ROUTE 793

1600-1800 blk 2nd Ave.
East

ROUTE 794

1500-1700 blk Bitterroot
Drive

ROUTE 795

900-1000 blk Locusat St.
North

ROUTE 796

1300-1800 blk Targhee
Drive

ROUTE 797

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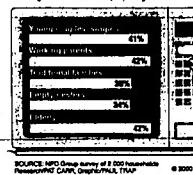
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TWIN FALLS — The refrigeration, heating and air conditioning course at the College of Southern Idaho has a few more spaces in the fall semester class starting Aug. 28.

"I know of at least six companies in this area that would gladly hire people right now if they could find them," said Jere Mason, HVAC instructor at CSI. And nationally, Mason said, the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute estimates that by 2006 there will be demand for at least another 100,000 service technicians.

It's a demand, he said, that will mean plentiful jobs and good salaries for those who get into the field now.

CSI's program is a one-year course that awards a technical certificate. Mason said many employers will take students right after the one-year course.

"A recent listing of 47 companies listed with Idaho Job Service showed about 80 HVAC jobs available with very little experience required," Mason said.

Students should be mechanically inclined or at least interested in working with equipment and making things work correctly. Basic math and English skills are necessary.

Call Mason at 733-9554, Ext. 2323.

CSI electronics program still has open spaces

TWIN FALLS — A few spaces are available in the electronics program at the College of Southern Idaho. The fall semester begins Aug. 28.

Electronics professor Ben Bartlett said now is a great time to get into one of the five electronics fields offered at the college.

"There are so many electronics jobs available right now that many businesses have resorted to 'head-hunting' — hiring good people away from other companies," Bartlett said.

"The overall student placement rate is close to 100 percent, with many students getting one or two offers before they're even finished."

CSI's five electronics specialties are laser technology, RF communications/telecommunications, instrumentation, electromechanical technology and electronics systems technology.

CSI offers a one-year certificate course. Students can get certain entry-level jobs following one year. Many will transfer to Idaho State University in Pocatello for one more year, after which they receive an associate of applied science degree.

Bartlett said the lowest annual salary he has heard of his students getting after the two-year program is \$41,000.

Students should already have a basic math background. Higher math is not required, although it is recommended students take algebra during their electronics courses if they haven't already.

Electronics classes will meet in the newly remodeled portion of the Canyon Building at CSI, which will allow each student his or her own computer. The idea, Bartlett said, is to incorporate many computer simulations into the curriculum so students can assemble, build and test simulated equipment as they learn how circuits work.

Call Bartlett at 733-9554, Ext. 2324.

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Walter 'Buster' Henage, a lifetime resident of Jerome, assembles an outdoor grill at the new Wal-Mart on South Lincoln Street in Jerome, which is readying for its mid-August opening. Free assembly is available for Wal-Mart products such as bicycles, lawnmowers and grills.

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Jerome's giant Wal-Mart readies for August opening

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JEROME — Sure it has 3,000 sisters.

But the Wal-Mart store in Jerome is one-of-a-kind.

The supercenter, set to open Aug. 10 on South Lincoln Street, will be the first Wal-Mart ever to carry bulk foods, store manager Jeff Hanssen said. The bulk bins and bags — mostly dry items such as flour and sugar — are meant to cater to the food-storage demands of Magic Valley's Mormon population.

For the tastes of another sizable portion of the valley's people, the Jerome Wal-Mart will have an expanded selection of Mormon foods.

"It's been a challenge getting our home office to see what our customer wants," Hanssen said.

But Wal-Mart Stores Inc. authorities were flexible in the end, guided by suggestions from him and other local employees.

Hanssen said he is authorized to sell Falls' Brand meat from Twin Falls; Hagerman melons, tortillas from a Caldwell manufacturer and a Jerome company's milk.

"They've been very good about establishing new vendors," he said. "We didn't want to come in here with outside stores."

Jerome's new store, he said, is one of the first Wal-Marts equipped with rotating bag jacks at checkout, enabling customers to load their own filled bags into carts while employees continue bagging.

It's also one of just 10 test stores in the huge chain carrying prepackaged fabrics — two yards of fleece, for example, or three yards of dress fabric with a recommended pattern number (patterns also for sale). Packaged-holiday fabrics, felts and quilting colors replace the bolts and cutting-table of a standard Wal-Mart.

What's for sale

About 320 Wal-Mart workers last week were stocking the store with all manner of merchandise. Cosmetics and craft supplies. Health and home entertainment and electronics. Sports gear and sewing



Celebration will get lots of help

The Times-News

JEROME — Expect a cast of hundreds at Wal-Mart's opening-day celebration Aug. 16.

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony starting at 7:30 a.m. will launch 24-hour, seven-day-a-week business at the superstore.

During the ceremony, cheerleaders from throughout the Magic Valley will perform the Wal-Mart cheer, assistant manager Shannon Burleson said.

And, she said, other entertainment is planned throughout the

machines.

"A lot of people don't understand this will be a full-fledged grocery store," Hanssen said. In fact, he said, it's the first Idaho Wal-Mart to include a grocery.

Product displays — soon to be loaded with color — face the front doors. Other empty units stand ready for dairy, beer, wine and prepackaged meat offerings. A bakery will turn out doughnuts, wedding cakes and the like, and shoppers in a hurry can opt for

the service deli.

The low-price giant taking up residence in Jerome means tough competition for other Magic Valley grocery and general merchandise stores. But Hanssen said shoppers, in any case, will be winners.

He promises to lower grocery prices in this market and raise the valley's standard of living in the process. Jerome's Wal-Mart will honor any Magic Valley store's advertised prices — for

About Wal-Mart

Stores Inc.

Sam Walton opened the first Wal-Mart store in 1962.

The chain reported record earnings and sales for the quarter ended April 30. Net income was \$1.326 billion, and total sales for the quarter were \$42.985 billion.

As of June 30, there were 1,773 Wal-Mart stores, 780 supercenters and 468 Sam's Clubs in the United States.

Internationally, Wal-Mart operates units in Argentina (10), Brazil (16), Canada (166), China (8), Germany (95), Korea (5), Mexico (468), Puerto Rico (15) and United Kingdom (239).

The chain employs more than 885,000 people in the United States and 255,000 internationally.

It's based in Bentonville, Ark.

Securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges.

Source: Company Web site

absolutely anything Wal-Mart offers, Hanssen said. He was leading a tour last week of home

furnishings, vitamins, clothing, shoes, toys, automotive supplies, household hardware and the rest of the array, brightened by energy-reducing skylights.

"It will be the lowest price, yes," Hanssen said, pausing at the Tire and Lube Express where customers can buy tires, or have their cars' oil changed while they shop.

A hot at the building's temporary check-in table invites employees to deposit their receipts from WinCo Foods Inc. in Twin Falls. Hanssen and other managers will peruse the grocery competitor's prices.

"We'll go through and make sure we square them," he said.

Hanssen also puts the store's free assembly for purchased barbecue grills, lawnmowers and bicycles.

The bike selection features the Mongoose brand, and Hewlett-Packard is the leading computer.

Along with paint and supplies, customers will be able to get computerized color matches. In the jewelry department, the store will pierce ears for free. The lawn and garden section, now with shrubs and trees for fall planting, will carry flowers when spring rolls around again.

The outdoorsman can shop a section stocked with hunting, fishing, camping and exercise equipment, plus rifles — but no pistols.

Dr. Kevin McSweeney of Buell will practice in the store's full vision center. Home Savings and Loan Association is leasing space for a full-service branch. Inglewood Wal-Mart, and Smart Style will operate a hair salon. Wal-Mart itself will operate the pharmacy and a Radio Grill restaurant with a working jukebox and a 50s theme.

Who's on staff

The 320 workers readying all that merchandise aren't the entire Wal-Mart staff. Hanssen said he'll have the store with 380, most of whom are already hired. The store picked those folks from about 2,500 applications it received.

"And they're still coming in every day," Hanssen said.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Joe Sunnen is a new sports writer and page designer at The Times-News.

Sunnen joined the newspaper in June after graduating in May from Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., with a bachelor's degree in journalism and journalism.

At Beloit, Sunnen was sports editor for the college's newspaper, played football and edited student and national fiction journals. In The Times-News' sports department, he has been writing about American Legion baseball this summer and will cover College of Southern Idaho women's volleyball this fall. He hopes to enliven sports reporting with the color and drama of individual local athletes' stories.

The other half of Sunnen's job is design and layout of sports and other news pages.

TWIN FALLS - Geri Collins, formerly of The Clip for the past 10 years, is now associated with the remodeled and renamed salon,

Jagged Edge. The Jagged Edge is the salon formerly called The Clip. The address, 303 Second St. E., and the phone number, 734-5970, remain the same.

Collins recently attended the Redken seminar in Seattle and plans to attend the Shades of Fall show offered by Maly's in Portland, Ore.

TWIN FALLS - Jan Sterrett, formerly of Stulz 152, joined the team of hair professionals at The Jagged Edge, 303 Second St. E.

Sterrett has 22 years of barbering and styling experience. Her specialties include highlight color weaves, precision cuts and directional perm wraps. She can be reached at 734-5970. Walk-ins are welcome.

JACKPOT, Nev. - Human resources and hospitality executive Linda Edwards was named director of human resources for Cactus Pete's Resort Casino.

Edwards will assist Cactus Pete's in developing policy issues such as employment compensation, labor relations, benefits, training and employee career development. Secondly, she will provide direction to ensure company compliance with all state and federal human resource laws. She also will play a leading role in long-term management development and be a member of the executive committee.

Edwards brings 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry and more than 17 years in the human resources field to her new position. Before joining Cactus Pete's, she was director of human resources for BlueWater Casino in Arizona. Her experience also includes positions for Dakota National Gaming Enterprises, J.C. Penney, Mataz Casino and Sheraton Hotels.

Edwards graduated with a bachelor's degree from State University of New York. She is a certified human resources executive and is a member of the Society of Human Resources Management. She also is a licensed Arizona family alternative dispute resolution and mediation consultant.

BURLEY - Dr. Lanny F. Campbell Jr. will join Family Health Services' Burley Clinic on Monday.

Campbell comes from Pueblo, Colo., where he completed his family practice residency at Southern Colorado Family Medicine.

He is a family practice physician and is accepting all family practice patients, including obstetrics. Call 678-7796 for an appointment.

JEROME - Standley & Co. appointed John Gomez of Twin Falls as the company's service manager.

Gomez will be responsible for inspection, routine maintenance and service, and repair of any brand of dairy- and livestock-related manure-handling pumps.



John Gomez
Gomez can be reached at 324-9449.

and equipment statewide. He was formerly with IFA/Cenex for eight years.

Standley & Co. is Idaho's dealer for J. Houle & Sons of Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, the equipment's manufacturer.

Gomez can be reached at 324-9449.

SHOSHONE - Dr. Greg Hill joined Dr. Keith Davis' family medicine practice in Shoshone on Tuesday.

Before Hill went to medical school, he wanted to be sure he knew what a doctor's life was really like, so the Baltimore college student answered ads in the Family Practice journal from physicians looking for partners to join them in practice. Because Hill was a licensed paramedic, his letter said he would help the doctors in exchange for room and board and assistance to him to come to Shoshone.

"I instantly loved Idaho," Hill said. "The people here are so friendly and kept encouraging me to come."

So this summer after four years of medical school at George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and three years of family practice residency in Chicago, Hill came back to Shoshone, this time as a partner.

"I've been practicing as the only doctor in Shoshone for 15 years," Davis said. "It's going to be great to have a partner so if I go camping with the Boy Scouts or take a vacation with my family, our patients will be able to see my partner, and vice versa."

Davis and Hill practice at Shoshone Family Medical Center, 113 S. Apple.

TWIN FALLS - Hartford, Conn.-based Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Co. recently honored Joseph C. Russell of Twin Falls as the company's No. 1 Leading Life Producer for 1999.

Russell, a president of private planning Strategies Inc. in Twin Falls, in recognition of his sales achievements during 1999, he also received the company's Leading Agency Gold Award and the Leading First Year Commission Award.

Since joining Phoenix in 1988, Russell has earned membership on the company's Honors Council on several occasions, including last year's qualification for the highest-level Chairman's Council. Within the industry, he's currently a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table's Court of the Table, and he also qualified for the Top of the Table in 1999, the MDRT's highest designation.

Russell is a certified life underwriter and an accredited estate planner.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Rene Martindale, of Jensen Jewelers in the Lynnwood Shopping Center, from its Certified Professional Jeweler program.

Martindale completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, gemstones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

BURLEY - Norman W. Funk qualified for Farm Bureau Financial Services top income award at the 2000 All-American.

Agents and managers qualify for the award based on a need for property/casualty production. The qualifiers and their guests are invited to participate in the All-American trip to Sydney, Australia, Nov. 1-10.

Farm Bureau Financial Services is an insurance and investment organization based in West Des Moines, Iowa. Through an exclusive agency force, the companies that make up Farm Bureau Financial Services market and distribute life insurance, annuities, mutual funds and property/casualty insurance products and services to individuals and small businesses in 14 Midwestern and Western states.

Funk may be reached at his office at 444 E. Fifth N., Burley, 678-0431.

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milestones

Portrait studio opens in Twin Falls Big K store

TWIN FALLS - Olari Mills Portrait Studio is now open at the Big K store in Twin Falls.

The studio's hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Olari Mills specializes in heirloom quality photography, said it makes quality affordable photo prints through hundreds of traditional studio sites and Kmart locations now in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Oregon.

In addition to photographing children of all ages, Olari Mills can accommodate families and groups. From wallet-size keepsakes to wall-size portraits, it offers styles people prefer in sizes suited for framing, gift giving and family record keeping, a press release said. Photos are guaranteed for life. The studios provide extra details such as custom and artistic hand finishes and canvas and brush-stroke styles.

Olari Mills was established in 1992 and is a family-owned corporation. Studios can be found throughout the United States, Canada and England.

HUD lauds Hailey property for passing inspection

HAILEY - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo marked completion of HUD's first nationwide inspection of all HUD-assisted multifamily housing complexes by honoring owners of properties that passed inspection with the highest scores.

CONTRIBUTIONS

U.S. Bank said Paint Magic and the Rupert Renaissance Initiative are grant recipients for second quarter 2000.

The \$2,000 to Paint Magic was used to buy paint to color

and paint the homes of seniors and handicapped people on fixed incomes having difficulty maintaining their homes on their own.

U.S. Bank will contribute \$12,000 to the Rupert Renaissance Initiative's capital campaign. Renovation of the historic Wilson Theater will provide the community with a one-of-a-kind facility for cultural events and other community activities.

Three Magic Valley graduating seniors are on their way to the halls of higher learning with help from cheese producer Glanbia Foods Inc.

Brian C. Bullers of Hazelton, Tamara L. Thompson of Gooding and Amy M. Vawser of Jerome were this year's Glanbia Foods Scholarship winners. Each senior receives \$1,000.

Dore Larson, director of Ghanbia's human resource department, said this is the fifth year Ghanbia has awarded the scholarships but the first time there were three recipients.

"We normally just present two

winners included a Hailey property.

The inspections of more than 29,000 privately owned, HUD-assisted complexes were completed by HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center earlier this year. Some 87 percent of the properties were found to be in excellent or good condition. Only 1.6 percent of the properties - about 530 complexes - were in condition requiring referral to HUD's new Enforcement Center for immediate remedial action.

"Because of the speed and thoroughness with which we handle properties that are not well maintained, not being well operated, I am confident that next year's numbers will be even better. HUD's taking this inspection process seriously. The vast majority of owners and operators are taking it seriously. And so, too, should that handful of owners who are not performing up to snuff. Because if they don't, they'll be out of business," Cuomo said.

Idaho's Multifamily Award winners included Woodhaven Apartments, 951 Winterhaven Drive in Hailey, owned by Crox Creek Associates.

Hindsight Storage offers convenient Rupert location

RUPERT - A new storage facility is now open behind Family Vision & Eye Care, operated by Bill R. Williams and Todd G. Slusser. The address is 714 G St. and the telephone number is 436-3455.

Hindsight Storage features a convenient in-town location close to the police station, secure setting, good lighting inside and out, 9-by-12-foot units for temporary or long-term storage, and self-storage (use your own lock).

scholarships," said Larson, who heads the scholarship selection committee. "But his year, the vote came down to a tie with the three students. All three were such outstanding students and very deserving."

To qualify, an applicant had to be the child of a full-time Ghanbia employee with plans to enroll in a full-time course of study at a college or vocational-technical school.

The selection committee, made up of employees from each of Ghanbia's four Magic Valley facilities, judged each applicant's academic record, school and community activities, work experience and one-page essay on career objectives.

Jamba Juice's "Free Smoothie Day" Idaho raised \$5,500 for the Idaho Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Mountain States Tumor Institute.

Sue Hunsaker, regional marketing manager for Jamba Juice, said the donated money will be split between both organizations.

"Free Smoothie Day" was organized as a thank you to the community for supporting Jamba Juice since it entered the Idaho market in fall 1999 when Jamba Juice stores converted to the San Francisco-based Jamba Juice brand. All 10 Jamba Juice stores throughout the state, including Twin Falls, participated in the event.

We are introducing Natural Blue in response to our enrollees' growing interest in complementary and alternative medicine," said Lisha Bridges of Blue Cross of Idaho. "Results of recent surveys point to the popularity of such treatments. We're pleased to offer discounts on the services many of our enrollees are already using, and others are telling us they would like to integrate into their traditional medical care."

Bridges said Blue Cross of Idaho expects the initial panel of participating providers to expand over the next few weeks.

The discount program is administered by American Specialty Health Networks, a national organization that selects and maintains a credentialed network of complementary and alternative health-care providers throughout the United States. Natural Blue providers contract directly with American Specialty, not with Blue Cross of Idaho.

American Specialty coordinates the credentialing for each provider. Providers are required to be recredentialed every two years.

To participate in the program, enrollees make appointments with the network's participating providers, present their Blue Cross of Idaho identification cards at the time of service and pay the providers directly; there

IRS offers e-filing seminar

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Internal Revenue Service and state of Idaho electronic filing coordinators will host free electronic filing seminars, including one in Twin Falls.

Tax professionals and those interested in offering IRS e-filing are invited. Continuing professional education credits are available, the IRS said. Both new and experienced electronic filers will benefit. To learn the application process, changes to the program, software vendors and information on federal and state e-filing programs.

In the 2000 filing season, more than 35 million federal-income-tax returns and 12 million state tax returns were electronically filed by paid preparers, taxpayers using home computers and by telephone. Congress has mandated that 80 percent of federal income tax returns be filed electronically by 2007.

Electronic filing offers an acknowledged receipt, the return was accepted, reduction in processing time, fast refunds, increased accuracy due to computer validation, acceptance of

refund and balance-due returns, the ability to electronically file both federal and state returns simultaneously and the ability to make electronic payments.

To register, submit your name, company name, address, telephone number, date and location of the seminar you wish to attend and whether you are currently on Electronic Return Originator to Donna Weddle at 334-9086, Ext. 304. Information must be faxed to 334-9014 or e-mailed to donna.weddle@irs.gov.

The schedule includes a seminar set for 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

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Mini-Cassia chamber schedules August luncheon

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are no claims, no referrals and no limits on the number of visits.

Additionally, the program allows Blue Cross of Idaho enrollees to use the International Fitness Club Network, a national network of health and fitness facilities. At participating clubs, enrollees receive the lowest membership rate for the type of new membership selected.

Toll-free number helps Latinos find DOE work

ARCO - U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson announced a new toll-free number to help Latino workers learn more about contractor job opportunities at Department of Energy sites across the country - such as the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory - as a result of a recent agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers.

"This effort not only brings a new wave of talent to the construction industry, but it offers Latino workers across the country the opportunity to earn a good living," Richardson said. "By establishing this toll-free number, we are making it easier for prospective workers to learn more about all this program has to offer."

For information about job opportunities in your area, call the toll-free number, (888) 877-6974 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Spanish-speaking operators will be on hand to answer questions and evaluate whether and how an individual's skills would best fit the available jobs.

In January, Richardson signed an agreement with the IUEOE to establish a national outreach program to recruit, train and retain Hispanic workers at Energy Department sites nationwide. As part of the agreement, hundreds of prospective Latino workers will be trained to fulfill jobs in a number or high-skill areas.

The information, publication, documents and manuals necessary to carry out the work at the department's construction and clean-up sites will be translated into Spanish.

- compiled by staff reports

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



Government programs have three things in common - a beginning, a middle and an end.

Don't be too critical of your child's spelling unless you are sure all your old school papers have been destroyed.

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CSI Mini-Cassia program offers business classes

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Enrichment Program is offering several classes for business employees to update or learn skills that will help them in their current workplaces or in re-entering the work force. Class sizes are limited, and early registration recommended.

Following is a partial list of credit classes scheduled for the fall semester, which runs Aug. 28 through Dec. 21. Academic classes are \$66.50 per credit, plus books and lab fees.

- Introduction to Information Science, 7:30 p.m. Mondays.
- Principles of Marketing, 4-6:50 p.m. Mondays.
- Principles of Microeconomics, 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

- Developmental English, 1-1:50 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Basic English, 1-1:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

- Basic Writing, 1-1:50 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Beginning Algebra, 7:10 p.m. Mondays.

- Intermediate Algebra, 4-7 p.m. Mondays or 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays.

- College Algebra, 7:10 p.m. Mondays.

- Fundamentals of Oral Communication (speech), 11-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays or 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

- Introduction to Business, 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

- Sign Language, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

- Principles of Accounting, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays.

- Medical Terminology, 5-7 p.m. Thursdays.

- Principles of Management, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

- Human Relations in Supervision, 4:30-7 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information or to register, call 678-1400.

CSI apprenticeship programs start soon

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Trade and Industry program is offering four trade-related apprenticeship programs, each starting in late August or early September.

Each of the four programs combines classroom instruction at CSI with on-the-job training provided by various Magic Valley employers.

None of the classes offers college credit.

First- and second-year construction programs will begin the week of Sept. 4. Each program runs for the entire fall and spring semesters. The first-year course teaches career opportunities and responsibilities in carpentry and construction, fasteners and adhesives, hand and power tools, floor systems, wall and ceiling framing, roof framing, windows and exterior doors. The second-year course teaches reading plans and elevations, distance measurement and leveling, concrete and flatwork, and reinforcing concrete.

The first-year course will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some scholarships will be available. First-year students must be at least 16 years old.

The second-year course will

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What next?

Ads placed in public bathrooms find captive audience

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meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

• First-through fourth-year sheet metal apprenticeships will begin the week of Aug. 29 and run through Nov. 22.

First-year students will learn air conditioning and heating metal layout, triangulation, short-cut layout, short-cut for round layout, math and other related curriculum. Classes will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Completion of this program earns the student a CSI certificate.

• First, through fourth-year plumbing and electrical apprenticeships will begin Aug. 28 in Twin Falls.

First-year plumbing students will learn safety and handling of tools and materials, piping, trade math and an introduction to the uniform plumbing code. Electrical students will learn safety, tools, electrical theory, introduction to code, conduits, insulation and trade math. The plumbing program also is offered in Hailey, and the electrical program also is offered in Hailey and Burley.

Applicants for any of the programs must be employed in their chosen trades at the time class begins in order to begin earning the 8,000 hours of work-site experience required for their certificates or journeyman status at the completion of the courses. Applicants will also be required to take a placement exam before the class starts. The exams are administered at CSI free of charge.

For information or to register, call Larrianne at 733-9554, Ext. 2219.

Aqua Vie extends Southwest distribution

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said it has reached an agreement extending its product distribution into southern Nevada, including Las Vegas, and throughout the state of New Mexico.

Management of the Ketchum-based company also indicated it is making significant progress in its distribution into southern California.

Aqua Vie said it landed an exclusive beverage placement with Warner Bros. for Aqua Vie Hydrators in the movie "Swordfish," starring John Travolta, to be released in 2001. Produced by award-winning Joel Silver, Swordfish is described as a slick, action-and-intrigue-packed story of a "reformed" ex-convict computer hacker plotting to steal billions from secret government accounts.

"With Aqua Vie having been well received in the Bay Area, and now southern California coming to fruition, we are also very enthusiastic about following the sun into Las Vegas, southern Nevada and New Mexico and the vast potential represented in these markets," said Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive officer.

"We are pleased with the several movie placements we have obtained recently and will continue to pursue additional product placements aimed at predisposing audiences and the entertainment industry's various spheres of influence," he said.

- compiled from staff reports

The Baltimore Sun

Recently, ABC announced it was going to advertise its comedy "Norm" with posters of its star Norm MacDonald, strategically placed above urinals in New York and Los Angeles. And right away you think, "Well, we finally lost all justification for our civilization to continue to exist." When capitalism starts following us to the toilet, maybe it's time to think about going the way of the Romans or the Incas and getting rid of the stage.

For this particular advance in human progress, we can thank Zoom Media, a Montreal firm that is the apparent worldwide leader in what people in the know call "washroom advertising."

According to Claude Breault, head of corporate communications, washroom advertising got its start nine years ago when one of the company's co-founders, Carl Greber, then a student, served on a university committee trying to figure out how to reach the campus population about sex.

Conference calls let investors get CEO on phone

Knight Ridder News Service

If you really want to investigate a company before investing, then get on the phone with the chief executive officer.

The CEO, of course, is the top boss, the big planner. But if you think that means you don't stand a chance of getting through, then you don't know about conference calls.

Companies and even federal regulators increasingly want you to know about - and at least listen to - what has become Wall Street's version of a party line.

Conference calls typically come every three months, on the day or the day after the company announces its latest earnings report. It's when the chief executive officer, chief financial officer and maybe a few others explain the results and their outlook in a group telephone call.

On the other end of the phone lines are dozens or even hundreds of analysts from brokerage firms, mutual funds and pensions, as well as a few reporters. They usually get to ask questions at the end.

Although such sessions rarely break news, they're still critical to keeping up. That's why analyst Jim Pettit or one of his teammates at Chase HQ in San Francisco dial up every conference call of every company they follow.

"Absolutely," Pettit said. "You don't miss conference calls."

So why should you?

Here, then, are the nuts and bolts of getting your dime's worth out of public companies' earnings conference calls.

Hanssen says it is rare in a conference call. More often, analysts say, they're looking for subtleties.

"It's very important and very powerful to hear levels of conviction in voices," Pettit said of the executives who conduct the calls. "Just as important as what they say is how they say it."

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And they don't all have expertise in retail.

Yvette Coates of Hansen said she worked for a seed company that closed. Now she'll take Wal-

uily-transmitted-diseases. Why not put information in the bathroom? Grazier thought. After all, sooner or later, everyone has to go in there.

And so, a big idea was hatched, and soon after, so was a new advertising company, Zoom Media.

In a short time, advertising was going up in bathrooms all over Canada, and soon thereafter, in U.S. cities, too. All kinds of products found their way onto

bathroom walls and stalls,

everything from condoms to beers and cars to Hollywood movies. Even food products

have come aboard, which

Breault admitted once struck him as counter-intuitive.

At first advertisers worried that consumers would associate their image with the place where the advertising was, like a washroom.

room. But, it doesn't happen that way. People don't make that association. It's like you're stuck in traffic and you see an outdoor billboard. Are you associating that product with traffic? No. People don't think that way."

In fact, Breault said, consumers have been surprisingly nonchalant about being confronted with advertising while doing their business. Complaints generally concern the advertising

itself rather than placement.

Even talking ads have generated

few objections, including an ad for the USA television series

"The Invisible Man," in which the figure on the poster reminded bathroom users to wash their hands when done.

You listen to Breault for a little while and the whole idea of "washroom advertising" seems

logical.

He explains that advertising in bathrooms offers clients at least three distinct advantages. First, it can be gender-specific in a way most advertising cannot.

"I don't know any other medium where you're reaching only one gender," Breault said. "Any magazine for women, men have access to it. But in washroom advertising, the gender segmentation is perfect."

So, for instance, Zoom Media puts its cosmetics ads only in women's stalls. And ABC has ordered the "Nord" ads only for men's rooms - 150 in New York and 100 in Los Angeles.

The gender breakdown leads to another bonus from washroom advertising. Zoom Media specializes in reaching the highly sought-after 18-34 age group. "That group is tough to reach through other traditional media," Breault said.

Zoom Media finds the bathrooms that are used by footloose young people. Generally, that means bars, restaurants and gyms.

BREAKROOM BANDITS

Employees crack down on thefts

The Orange County Register

pecked swipers and springing their traps.

"I didn't realize this kind of thing happens so often," says Mike Gordon, who works in Stanton, Calif.

Could someone else have eaten the food that was in your clearly marked brown bag sitting there on the refrigerator shelf in the break room? That's more likely.

Maybe you think you're the only one who's lost your lunch to some brazen bandit.

Or, perhaps you've been guilty of wanting to get even with a lunch-munching thief by putting a "special" edition of the house's cookies or brownies something that might turn the cowering culprit from a bandit on the run to a bandit with the runs.

Your guilt is not unique.

The lunchroom larconist has made the rounds, but brown bags are doing something about it.

Workers are becoming self-appointed posse Nancy Drews and Hardy Boys spying on sus-

dinner trips.

"I found my supplies shrinking at a rapid rate, but could not find out who the culprit was. That is, until I arrived in the office one afternoon and went to the lunchroom to get a cup of coffee.

"There I found a new sales rep digging through my bag in the refrigerator. When she noticed me standing behind her, she graciously offered me a snack from my bag. I told her I usually save the cookies for after dinner."

Kirshoff got smart. At his next company, he was prepared for a bandit.

"I kept a jar of 'Jelly Bellies' on my desk for co-workers to share," he says. "One evening someone took the concept a bit too far, when my freshly filled jar was emptied in one night."

"Since the thief was likely eating the jelly beans by the handful, I filled the jar that day with green ones Jalapeno pepper green. The next morning, only one handful was missing. I never lost a whole jar in one evening again."

Wal-Mart

Continued from E1

Magic Valley unemployment is low, though underemployment is high and most of the hires already had jobs. Such as safety and risk manager Debra Hays of Jerome. She worked at a hospital in the valley but opted for what she calls Wal-Mart's open, caring employment atmosphere and the opportunity to specialize in safety.

Hays said she met new coworkers at the Jerome store who come from as far away as Burley and Tule.

To build its staff, Wal-Mart did a lot of recruiting inside its local

competitors' stores, talking to people in the kinds of departments Wal-Mart needed to fill, Hanssen said.

"The quality of help that we hired is outstanding," he said. "They're going to spoil me."

He described the workers he found as flexible and durable.

"They've worked before," Hanssen said. "It's not the first time they've had to get in and work hard."

And they don't all have expertise in retail.

Yvette Coates of Hansen said she worked for a seed company that closed. Now she'll take Wal-

Mart's graveyard shift in warehouses. Barbara Zahm of Twin Falls left a Micron job in Nampa for Wal-Mart's swing shift in domestics and truck unloading. Neither has held a retail job before.

Hanssen boasts that the store, where most workers started their jobs in early July, has had unusual low turnover for a new Wal-Mart.

"We've only lost about five people," he said last week.

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MONEY

Personal finance

Married women scale back work hours

Chicago Tribune

Angelyn C. Slone worked full-time in the health-care industry for eight years until her son, Conrad, now 2 years old, was born.

"My job involved a lot of travel and I just couldn't do it anymore," said Slone, 33, of Clarendon Hills, Ill., who now works 16 hours a week as a sales representative for a pharmaceutical company. Her husband, Paul, is a senior financial analyst, and the couple has another child, Sophia, born in April.

"My job permits me to stay in my industry," said Slone, who lives within her sales territory. "It's the price we pay for our kids' education and our lives for the kids."

Paul and me: I don't want to work 60-hours-a-week right now, but I do want to work. And I want to be with my kids. That's why I'm here. And I'm certain I'll be able to get a good job with a good salary at a reputable company if I decide to go full-time.

"But I definitely have a job right now—not a career."

And that difference concerns

Phyllis Moen, sociology professor and director of the Employment and Family Careers Institute at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

"Scaling back work hours is a popular strategy among two-career couples to cope with family and employment responsibilities, but the way husbands and wives do it differ. Husbands have careers, and wives have jobs," said Moen, who studies dual-career couples and how they manage their lives.

Moen is co-author with Penny Becker, also a sociologist at Cornell, of a recent study published in the Journal of Marriage and the Family, about 117 dual-career professional couples in New York state. They ranged in age from 21 to 67, and two-thirds had small children. Average income for the men was \$65,000, for the women, \$39,000.

"Though most couples described themselves as having an equal partnership, 40 percent reported that one spouse was in a job and the other in a career—and in two-thirds of these families, it was women who held the job and had no career trajectory."

"That lifestyle pattern sounds very much like our old Ozzie and Harriet, the breadwinner-home-maker tradition everyone inspired in the 1950s," Moen said. "Younger women—and I know because they're in my classes—talk about their desire to attain an egalitarian marriage and major career expectations. But what often happens is a woman follows her husband's job location or her husband won't relocate for her job. And then, around the birth of a child, she begins pulling back from the work world."

Eventually, she says, "Women

find themselves more disadvantaged in their careers. And the results are gendered relationships and that good old-fashioned word: inequality."

When dual-career couples make private accommodations to balance work and personal responsibilities, "they play into the hands of business," Moen said. "Families then bear the brunt of social change, not employers."

Rather than perpetuating the "male model" of having to work full-time in order to advance a career, Corporate America should think of ways to allow both women and men to cut back as necessary on hours, Moen said. "After all, you're only parents of young children for a very short time."

Part-time work isn't always the best answer for women who want to be major players in the business world. "It reduces your chances of getting a good job, advancing your career and of ever holding power positions," Moen said.

And that's the difference between a career and a job.

Seattle Times

Life of the extremely thrifty
Instead of feeling deprived, consumer senses victory

Seattle — Sandra Cameron's life is in her computer. There's the spreadsheet with her 32-item grocery list neatly typed in, columns devoted to quantity, price, whether the item is on sale or has a money-saving coupon. This week, every item is sale-priced and fully a third will be further discounted with coupons.

Then there's the list of seven days of dinners. Sunday means broiled steak and home fries.

Thursday's plan is Crock-Pot pork roast and roasted potato medley.

Careful to buy what's on sale, careful to cook what she buys, Cameron is nothing if not methodical.

That, plus a herculean amount of tenacity, is what got her family into their first house.

Not that they'd ever particularly thought about buying one. Cameron and her husband, Terry, have two daughters, Tanesha, 16, and Karis, almost 4. Apartment dwellers for years, she figured they'd continue that way. Then two things happened.

First, Linda Taylor, housing coordinator of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, gave a homeownership lecture at Karis' day care. Only present because Taylor's talk was part of a regular parent meeting, Sandra Cameron paid scant attention as Taylor explained how people like her could, indeed, buy a house.

"I was half listening because I need it," states Cameron, who adamantly refrains from using shopping as entertainment.

At the root of all this, she says, is attitude. "You have to keep in mind what your priorities are, and be really disciplined, because if you're not, you're going to have a problem."

So instead of feeling deprived, she felt victorious when she was able to slash her food bill 30 percent.

Rather than bemoaning her lack of a car, she felt fortunate that a bus pass, given as a benefit by her employer, Alaska Pulp, made her commute virtually free.

"I get a little high when I find a way to save, and I think I enjoy what I get more when I don't get it all the time. Now I get my yogurt once a week, and I enjoy it more."

Larger challenges loomed. Her husband out of work, Cameron had to qualify for a mortgage on her salary alone. Following Taylor's advice, she sought help from a pro bono homeownership program and contacted numerous lenders, taking meticulous notes on whom she talked to and what they told her. Some barely gave her the time of day; others

had her name on their lists for months.

Camron went to work like a woman possessed. Told to take a home buyers' education class, she did. Advised to get rid of her credit cards, she canceled all but

openly discouraged her from trying to buy a house.

The loan amount she qualified for — \$89,000 — wasn't consoling. Still, she stuck to it. When one expert tried to steer her to a condominium, she politely demurred. The months rolled by.

Finally Sandra Cameron found her home: a three-bedroom, one-bath rambler on a hilly Federal Way lot where she could garden, a passion denied in her Burien apartment.

The house was heading toward foreclosure, and she knew she had to move fast. But the price was \$109,000, or \$20,000 more than a bank would loan her, and she had nowhere near \$20,000 saved. Additionally, the bank said she had to wait a year to prove her credit was squeaky-clean.

A late credit-card payment had marred it.

Cameron was adamant. "I couldn't wait because I'd found my little house," she says simply.

So she approached Key Bank. Not only was it willing to lend her more than \$89,000, not only would it not require her to wait a year, but it would consider unusual sources of funding.

Sandra Cameron had one.

Alaska Pulp, her employer, allows employees to "buy" their vacations in times of emergency.

Buying four of her five weeks

finally opened the door to homeownership.

The family moved in the first week of October 1999, and their housing cost immediately dropped some \$50 a month.

Annoyed that a mortgage could actually be cheaper than rent, Sandra Cameron says, "I just feel so lucky! I remember all I went through, and it's over. I got one, and it's hard to believe that someone like me can actually have a house."

Will she now ease-up-on-the-budget a bit? Not likely.

Cameron has big dreams about how she wants to dress up her new home, and she's already saving to do that.

Investors should know their options

The Baltimore Sun

If you could buy 100 shares of America Online Inc. for \$5, why would you pay \$104?

That is the question many investors are asking themselves these days because the cost of buying and selling stocks is suddenly all over the map.

Use a full-service broker, and the trade can cost about \$104. Place the order with a discount broker online, and it's \$29.95. Or use an online deep-discount broker, and the fee falls to a rock-bottom \$5.

"Obviously, where there is choice there is opportunity, but on the other hand, choice often begets confusion and temptation," said Jonathan D. Pond, author of "Your Money Matters."

Never before have there been so many ways for investors to buy and sell stocks, bonds or mutual funds. But just because one way might be cheaper or more convenient doesn't mean it's the right way,

financial experts say. Investors should consider several factors before settling on whether to use a full-service broker, a discount broker, or a deep-discount broker, they say.

The decision should depend on their knowledge of the stock market, the amount of time they spend researching companies, their overall confidence level and the size of their portfolio.

"The investor needs to be very up-front at how good they are at investing, how sophisticated they are, or how unsophisticated they are," said Dan Burke, senior brokerage analyst at Gomez Advisors Inc., an e-commerce research and consulting firm in Lincoln, Mass.

An investor with a large sum of money, little knowledge of the market, and little stomach for risk, might opt for a full-service broker.

Brokers don't simply process transactions, they give advice on "appropriate" investments after considering the investors' age, financial goals and tolerance for risk. They also provide clients with information on companies, bond issues, initial public offers and mutual funds.

Brokers who work at larger investment houses receive reams of research that should give them insight into specific companies and industries.

(Begin optional trim)

"If the broker provides you with valuable information on which stock to buy, or the timing to buy and sell, then the full-service broker would be a better choice," said Robert Webb, a former commodities and bond trader, who is professor of finance at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

(Begin optional trim)

A good broker takes the emotion and worry out of investing. If shares of AOL plunge, the broker might call a nervous client and assure them that the swoon is just a blip. Instead of selling like the pack, they might buy more shares looking for a rebound.

But there are drawbacks to full-service brokers. Besides being expensive, brokers don't

always keep clients up-to-date on the performance of their portfolio.

There is also an inherent conflict within the business, experts say. Brokers earn commissions on each transaction, so the more stocks or bonds an investor buys and sells, the more the broker makes.

"I think there are lots of people in the brokerage industry who are just there to make their own mortgage payment," said Mary A. Malgoire, an investment adviser at Family Firm Inc., in Bethesda, Md. "They don't have the research background and skills."

The less Malgoire's clients trade, the better, because trading fees can hurt a portfolio's performance by eating away at the gains, she said. "Being an investment adviser, I have a bias to having a long-term plan, and not trading a lot in and out," she said.

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Some of her clients have s a d b o x accounts of, say,

\$10,000 that they can play with. They understand an industry, such as technology or health care, do their research and invest that portion of the money, she said.

Malgoire's clients who manage sandbox accounts often use discount brokers such as Charles Schwab, eTrade or DLJdirect, which offer tips on investing and information about companies and the stock market.

Want to find out about AOL? Investors can punch up the Web sites of a discount brokerage and sift through Standard & Poor's research reports, review analysts' earnings estimates, long-term stock performance charts and catch up on the company news.

"They help individuals by giving them the tools and resources to make an appropriate investment decisions," Burke said.

Gomez.com recently rated online brokers after looking at how easy they are to use, onsite resources and customer service. Schwab topped the list, followed by eTrade, DLJdirect and Fidelity Investments.

But trades are not always cheap with these firms because investors pay a premium for the information provided.

Buy 100 shares of AOL through Schwab and it costs \$29.95 if the trade is placed over the Internet, \$49.50 if done electronically by punching phone buttons, and \$55 if a broker makes the transaction.

That is why they might not be the best place to trade, especially for investors who are experienced and have research materials at their fingertips, experts said.

Investors can drive down the cost per trade even further at deep-discount brokers, which offer online trading.

Brown & Co. is one of the cheapest, offering trades for a bare-bones price of \$5 per trade. It has a no-frills Web site without gizmo charts or educational tools. And it wants "serious investors" who have at least five years of investment experience and are prepared to open an account with a minimum of \$15,000.

POINT OF LAW

By Douglas D. Emery

THE UNLICENSED DRIVER

Question: My 14-year-old best friend lived on a 2,000 acre ranch with his family. A rural county road runs adjacent to their property. My son was driving the farm pickup driven by his friend. After helping the friend load his truck, my son was driving the truck to the farm house when his friend pulled onto the public road in front of an oncoming car. The impact occurred on the passenger side of the pickup when my son was seated. After the accident, I learned that while my son's friend did not yet have a driver's license, his family nonetheless regularly allowed him to drive their farm pickup across some roads. My son sustained extensive injuries to the right side of his body and is lucky to be alive. The insurance company has suggested that we will deny my son's injury claim because the driver of the insured vehicle was uninsured. What can I do?

Answer: The fact that your son's friend did not have a driver's license is not dispositive. The standard automobile insurance policy provides that insurance covers "insured persons." Persons include drivers and passengers. Thus, if your son's friend had a driver's license, he would be covered under the insurance policy. However, if your son's friend did not have a driver's license, he would not be covered under the insurance policy. The insurance company is correct in suggesting that your son's injury claim will be denied because the driver of the insured vehicle is uninsured.

While there may be an issue of your son's comparative negligence (minimal) for electing to ride in the vehicle driven by his unlicensed friend, there nevertheless is a valid claim which should be pursued in your son's behalf.

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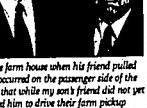
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MONEY

Students get their credit cards

By Eileen Ali Powell
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If your son or daughter is headed off to college this fall, you're probably going to have to grapple with a vexing financial question: Should your child have his or her own credit card?

The answer across America increasingly is "yes."

A survey of 1,200 university undergraduates by the market research firm Student Monitor LLC found that one-third got their first credit cards before starting college. A full 55 percent of college freshmen obtained their first cards before the start of school, compared with just 25 percent of seniors, according to the Ridgewood, N.J., company.

Financial analysts worry that the trend means some college-bound students are following rapidly in the footsteps of their parents in making credit card debt a way of life. And they suggest there are other ways to make sure a student has enough money to function day-to-day without the temptation of borrowing too much on a card:

Checkbooks

"What's wrong with a good, old-fashioned checking account?" asks Don Silver, author of "The Generation Y Money Book."

Silver argues that when young people deal in checks and cash, they learn more quickly how to manage money.

"There's a different psychology when you have to subtract a check in your checkbook register and see how much less you have than when you get a credit card receipt that you just put aside," Silver says. "When you get to zero, you have to stop spending."

If you didn't handle a checking account responsibly during his freshman year, you can consider "graduating" him to a debit card or credit card, he suggests.

Debt cards

Jayne A. Pearl, author of "Kids and Money," suggests that debit cards and "secured" credit cards are good options for freshmen.

Debit cards allow retailers to deduct the amount of a purchase immediately from a bank account; they also work at automated teller machines if a student needs cash. Secured credit cards require that the student set up a savings account of several hundred dollars as a backup against a default.

"My biggest problem with credit cards (for young people) is that they don't understand how fast the penalties for late payments and interest can add up," she said. "If your kid makes just the minimum 2.5 percent monthly payment on a \$1,000 outstanding balance with 18 percent interest, it would take seven years to repay and cost \$730 in interest."

Progressive credit

Robert Manning, a professor of economics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and author of the soon-to-be-published book "Credit Card Nation," argues that giving children credit cards without limits is like handing them the keys to the family car with no restrictions.

He's seen students run up thousands of dollars on credit cards, even those given cards by their parents to see the students through emergencies.

"The term 'emergency' gets redefined when you get to college," Manning says. "Parents worry about their kids being stranded at an airport. But the kid may worry about having dinner out with friends, going to \$150 rock concert... even spending \$5,000 to fly to London on spring break."

He suggests one strategy is to give a student a credit card with a \$500 limit in his freshman year. If he proves he can handle his spending wisely, that can be raised \$500 a year so he's up to \$2,000 by the time he's a senior.

No matter which alternative you choose...

Students under 18 need their parents to co-sign for credit cards. That generally gives parents a handle on how much their children are spending — and also makes them liable for any unpaid debts.

But parents also need to be aware that when their children turn 18, they can get credit cards on their own — and many do after they're targeted by mail campaigns or on-campus card promotions.

Care plans are popular but pricey

It pays to plan ahead, do a bit of research

The Miami Herald

Alvin Davis, 59, has a close-up view of what happens as people age.

For instance, a 55-year-old man would pay \$931 annually for a long-term care plan providing nursing home or in-home care offered by Insurer Continental Casualty Company (CNA), according to its website, www.cna.com.

Lipshitz Point, Fla., financial planner Jay Sheln. Someone who's 65 would pay more than double — \$1,992 — for the same coverage.

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Some companies have already taken the plunge. The number of businesses offering long-term care as a worker benefit is climbing, from just over 1,000 in 1994 to nearly 2,200 in mid-1998, the latest year for which statistics are available.

Despite the statistics, long-term care insurance coverage isn't for everyone.

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Less than one-third of people aged 65 and over can afford a comprehensive long-term care policy, according to insurance industry estimates.

The average buyer of an individual long-term care policy is 59, while the average age in an employer group is 42, said Catherine Sanborn, director of individual long-term care products for insurance firm Unum Provident.

"Obviously, the younger and healthier they are, they're easier

to underwrite and will pay less premium," she said.

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It's far cheaper to buy a policy when a person is in his or her 50s or 60s, the average age of nursing home residents is closer to 85. So consumers must be prepared to pay their premium faithfully, or risk losing both their coverage and all the money they've paid in.

Furthermore, about one in four people over age 65 have pre-existing health conditions — including severe diabetes or early-stage Alzheimer's disease — that exclude them from obtaining private long-term care insurance, according to the Long Term Care Campaign, a Washington, D.C., advocacy group.

As in other health care-related industries, consolidation is also entering the picture, leaving some consumer experts on the lookout for rising long-term care insurance costs.

Large long-term care insurers who have abandoned the market include Fortis, which sold its business to John Hancock Life Insurance Co., and Travelers Life & Annuity, which agreed in March to sell 90 percent of its long-term care business to GE Financial Assurance, according to the Urban Institute.

"The average elderly person, not counting the spouse, has about \$30,000 in assets," Wiener said. "So the question is whether it's worth paying \$2,400, if you're single, each year for a long-term care plan that will amount of money."

CNA, which has offered long-term care policies since 1974, is looking for a buyer for that business. This consolidation will likely put pressure on insurance companies to increase prices, according to consumer advocates.

Consumers face uncertainty when their policies are acquired

Long-term care policies

Data of long-term care policies and the number of new policies sold in the U.S. from 1987 to 1998. See chart below for details. (Source: Long Term Care Campaign)

Long-term care policies sold in millions

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Consumers don't flock to updated service

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Broadband service is the Holy Grail of the Internet, promising consumers a super-fast, always-on connection to the Web that goes far beyond the capabilities of regular dial-up modems.

With a broadband connection, for instance, consumers can watch and hear an action flick on their computers — something they can't do at all with just a 56-kilobit-per-second dial-up line.

Ironically, however, broadband service has been reaching the public at a snail-mail pace.

While many have heard of the technology — which can make Web pages pop up quickly, stream videos and music into PCs, and even handle plain old telephone service — few consumers use it in their homes.

According to Forrester Research Inc., only 2.2 million households nationwide have broadband service, which is delivered primarily through cable television and phone lines.

Despite the slow rollout, Forrester estimates that 36 million, or about one-third of all households nationwide, will have some form of broadband service by 2005.

Why has such a fast technology caught on so slowly? Some likely reasons:

It's expensive. For residential computer users, a typical broadband connection to the Internet costs \$40 to \$50 a month, compared with about \$20 or less for most dial-up services.

It's not universally available. Most cable-TV and telephone companies are upgrading their systems so they can handle high-speed data along with their customary TV and phone services, but the process is expensive and time-consuming.

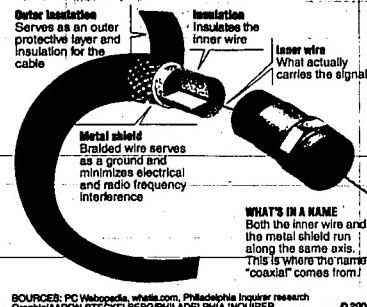
There's not a whole lot of material online yet that requires a high-speed connection. Basic e-mail works just as well over a dial-up modem as over a broadband connection, and Web surfers may or may not notice a significant improvement, depending on the sites they visit most often.

It's complex. Installation usually requires one or more visits by a technician, and complaints about reliability are common.

"In all fairness, when the tech-

Inside coaxial cable

Coaxial cable is the common cabling used by the cable television industry and often used for computer networks. Although more expensive than standard telephone lines, it is much less susceptible to interference and can carry much more data.



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nology is up and running, it is fabulous and it is fast," said Efrain J. Crespo, a Philadelphia pediatrician who installed DSL service from Bell Atlantic Corp. in March. "But on average, once every two weeks there is no way you can connect ... You can be without service for 48 to 72 hours."

Forrester analyst Patrick Callinan suggested that increasing competition should soon lower rates — the company estimates the monthly price will average \$30 by 2003 — and make broadband service more widely available.

Word of mouth also may help sell it. "Consumers recommend it to friends," Callinan said. "Once you get broadband, you never go back."

That may be because a broadband Internet connection seems to do more than simply speed up Web surfing.

"Broadband, because it has spectacular capacity, changes your computer into a multipurpose medium," said W. Russell Neuman, communications professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication. "The real secret behind broadband is that it moves your computer from a specialty medium to an

all-purpose medium. You can get videos, video encyclopedias, stuff we haven't thought of yet."

The cable and telephone industries began rolling out broadband in 1996, when the federal government deregulated the nation's telecommunications industry. The new law allowed cable companies to sell phone service, and it unleashed a slew of high-profile, multimillion-dollar cable and phone-company mergers.

As a result of the new competition, cable and phone companies have been reengineering their lines to carry both voice and data and building out their networks so broadband could reach more households.

The cable industry has invested \$36 billion on its broadband networks over the last four years; telecommunications companies have spent about \$10 billion.

So far, cable modems have a big early lead in the field, providing high-speed Internet service over cable-TV lines in about 1.8 million U.S. households, according to Forrester's estimates. An additional 443,000 households get their high-speed Internet connections from digital subscriber lines (DSL) — a service provided over

High-speed Web access

U.S. residential high-speed Internet access, forecast in millions:

- Projected subscribers by year end 2000
- Projected subscribers for 2003

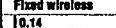
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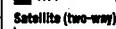
DSL



Cable modem



Satellite (two-way)



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telephone lines.

Phone companies initially resisted rolling out DSL, in part because they didn't want the service to compete with their other high-speed data products, such as ISDN and T1 lines.

"The Bells did drag their heels on DSL deployment," Callinan said. He noted that growing competition from cable companies and firms that place phone calls over the Internet lately have been pushing phone companies to deploy DSL faster.

Which is better — cable or DSL? Forrester's Amanda McCarthy said they offer about the same level of quality right now.

"The average guy just wants something that works better than dial-up," she said.

The bigger question at the moment is whether consumers can get cable-modem or DSL service at all. Those broadband networks now reach only about one-third of U.S. households, according to consulting firms Kinetics Strategies Inc. and TeleChoice Inc.

Broadband content may be new frontier

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Independent Film Channel. The IFC is not on cable television systems in Philadelphia, but next Wednesday it will begin offering a full-length documentary film "Home Page," that anyone with a computer can watch from its Web site at <http://www.ifc.com>.

Those with the high-speed connections generally attained with cable modems will be able to watch it in full-screen, full-motion video, not the jerky, matchbook-size image that dial-up modem users will have to endure.

With a VCR, once a viewer clicks to start the movie, the user can pause, rewind or fast-forward the film, said Joe Cantwell, executive vice president and new media at IFC.

In addition, Cantwell said, the broadband version of the film "is an online exhibition, surrounded by a lot of original interactive content, including live chats with the filmmaker and the star."

America Online is broadening its content offerings. While standard modem users may be offered an electronic slide show on AOL's weather or entertainment channels, AOL Plus users with high-speed connections see menus of options for viewing recorded video, live events (such as the view from the spy cameras set up for the CBS show "Big Brother") and movie trailers or for listening to CD-quality music.

AOL is slowly rolling out its own brand of DSL service, and it expects to offer a high-speed satellite version later in the year said spokeswoman Anne Bentley. At ScreamingMedia, a company that supplies content for use by AOL, About.com, Sun Microsystems, MSN's MoneyCentral and others, broadband represents a new frontier. "We're very much focused on broadband content," Kevin Clark, chief executive officer at ScreamingMedia, said.

"The service that we've provided until recently has primarily centered around text content," Clark said. But with the rise of broadband, he said, "now our ability to contextualize content with photos and video is creating an even more compelling opportunity for us."

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